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Klaus Mulert wins again

by Ken Heigh

Mulert: wants to encourage students.

by Lolita Tubio

Klaus Mulert regained his office as AMS President with a solid 60 per cent mandate from students.

"I feel extremely excited, not just for me but for the entire AMS," said Mulert.

Ben the Rat, the joke candidate of the by-election, placed second with 26 per cent of the vote. "Rats," said Ben.

Drina Mallinger, who contested the last election, received 11 per cent of student support. She says she does not regret her legal actions against the AMS. "At least people got to vote for me this time. I wasn't ripped off the ballot at the last minute. I didn't expect to win the first time but I think in a democratic society people should be allowed to vote for the candidate of their choice," said Mallinger.

Mulert was not bitter about Mallinger taking the AMS to court. "I think she was very couragous to go through with that."

This by-election had a high voter turn out with 1725 ballots cast. Electoral officer Keith Piddington said in the previous election 1200 to 1500 students voted. He attributes the high turn out both to the publicity generated by Mallinger's case and to Ben the Rat bringing out new voters.

Mulert says he wants to re-establish a positive image for the AMS. "I really want to encourage students to get involved with the AMS especially women, mature students, foreign students and other groups on campus."

Election Results

Klaus Mulert	1067
Ben the Rat	456
Drina Mallinger	194
Other	8

by Leah Malkinson

Oh what a relief! Just a few of the graduates at the fall convocation conferring degrees last Saturday, November 29th. Students from Graduate Studies, Arts and Science, Education, Fine Arts, Human and Social Development and Law who completed their programs at the end of the Summer Studies 1986 were presented their respective degrees. Most of the graduates above are numbers of the first group ever to receive the degree of Masters of Education in Art Education, following a consecutive three-summer program designed to enable teachers to further their education without having to leave their jobs.

Status: non-student

by Sherryl Yeager

Deregistration. It's an ugly word. Unfortunately, it's a fact for 100 UVic students this year.

Dennis Davis, Director of Accounting Services said "Some of these (students) have simply dropped out without telling anyone."

The university administration has only been enforcing deregistration for the last two years. Previously, if students hadn't paid their fees nothing was done.

Three years ago, this left 1000 students owing UVic money at the end of April.

Due to provincial restraint programs and the resulting lack of available funds, the administration decided to clamp down and activate the deregulation rules.

Letters are mailed to students in early October if they haven't paid their fees, giving them until October 31 to settle their accounts.

Davis said, "If they feel they have special circumstances, we invite them to call us and come in."

An extension can be granted when it is determined that the student will actually get the money. Usually the deadline is extended until November 30 at the latest, but it varies depending on the circumstances.

Anyone who is deregistered and then receives a windfall inheritance can reregister, but must pay the 2 per cent interest charge on tuition as well as an additional $75 fee.☐

What's Inside

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☐ **Even *MORE* letters than humanly possible — p. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 13**

☐ **And, by the way, Happy Holidays**

Change signals shift in post-secondary education?

by Jean Kavanagh (BCPIRG)

What's in a name?

Names mean little to some. Others believe a change of name can be significant.

And while there is no consensus of opinion, players concerned with post-secondary education, believe the recent provincial change in ministries from Post-Secondary Education to Continuing Education and Job Training could have ramifications for B.C.'s post-secondary institutes.

The New Democratic Party completely ignored the government change and alloted separate critics for post-secondary education and job training.

University and Colleges critic, MLA Darlene Marzari said it is important to have two critics because "they are two separate functions."

She said it is not strange that the Social Credit government would combine post-secondary education with other policy areas.

"They're making a statement which reflects previous attitudes to post-secondary education.

"Post-secondary education is perceived as a job-training enterprise which only adds to the economy of the province," Marzari believes.

She said her party views post-secondary education in the more liberal realm of a rounded education "to create people as thinkers."

Marzari also believes that spending for post-secondary education will continue to decrease and the government will fund education with special ventures like the Excellence in Education funds.

"If the government deems programs important then they will get money," said Marzari.

While she says she is "not going to pre-guess what they'll (government) do," Marzari feels university autonomy could be a thing of the past. "It's not just threatened anymore," she said.

Members of both UVic and SFU faculty associations are not quite as apprehensive as Marzari, but yet they remain somewhat skeptical.

"We're still wondering what it means," said UVic faculty president Roy Watson, a sentiment shared by other faculty members.

He cautioned however, "I doubt it means more support.

"The support hasn't been there and it remains to be seen if it will be. There doesn't seem to be more money in the province for universities," Watson said.

Like Marzari, Watson believes special university funding like Excellence in Education means a reduction in university autonomy.

"It (Excellence in Education) is not a good idea," he said.

Watson feels the government must quickly address the issue of access to post-secondary education for rural students.

"It's a very serious problem, a major problem," he said.

SFU faculty president Douglas Cole said he doesn't think the ministry name change signals bad news for universities.

"Education was an issue in the campaign and the premier did say he would give more money to universities," Cole said.

As for the combination of post-secondary education and job training into one ministry, Cole said, "job training is what a lot of universities are about.

"There is some snobbishness involved," said Cole, "but I don't care what they call it as long as they provide for us — it can't be any worse than the last government."

Continuing Education and Job Training Minister Stan Hagen did not respond to PIRG's requests for an interview.☐

Venturing into business

by Charlotte Ostrowski

Because of the lack of employment more women than ever before are starting their own businesses.

Any woman launching or expanding a business qualifies for free business assistance given by Ventures. Ventures is a two-year consulting program started in September sponsored by the Community Council of Victoria and funded by a federal government grant. It provides one-on-one counselling with business plans such as advertising, financial and loan statements and presentations.

Ventures is also undertaking to solve special problems faced by women in business. The worst problem is the difficulty in obtaining financing. This partly because of the discriminatory attitudes against women in business, especially those with no husbands to co-sign for them, said Arlene Wells, one of three Venture staff.

Ventures is working with financial institutions to make it easier for women to get business loans. Wells said they are also planning a loan guarantee fund for women having trouble getting credit. They are currently looking for patrons to invest money in this.

Wells said another reason women have difficulty with financing is that women are willing to start with less capital but it is difficult to get business loans for under $10,000. Women usually start their business ventures in their homes, which usually means less profits.

But Wells speculates this is a wise decision since a lot of businesses go bankrupt because of over-capitalization after taking out loans that are too large.

Other business-women's problems are the lack of encouragement from peers and family, and business information for women. This is because there is not yet an "old-boys" network for women as there is for men, said Wells. Ventures puts women in touch with other business women in their areas.

Nearly 30 women, representing almost 20 businesses, have approached Ventures in the last six weeks, said Wells. Businesses going through Ventures include services, such as counselling, manufacturing and retail.

The education of clients varies from high school diplomas to university masters degrees. These include UVic graduates, although not necessarily recent ones. Some women have also taken community courses specifically to help them in their businesses.

An updated Women's Business Directory is being planned by Ventures. This will list all businesses owned and run by women and should be out in the spring.

A women's business week is also proposed for the future. This would be a conference built around women's business issues.

Any women who are interested in taking advantage of Ventures' services are urged to get in touch with Ventures at 1296 Gladstone or by phoning 386-1666.□

Odd auditions at Phoenix

by Donald Brennan

Director Alan Hughes asked for the wild and bizarre and he got it.

At the auditions November 22 for the Phoenix Theatre's production of *Zastrozzi*, Hughes was presented with dances, mimes, speeches and songs in unconventional costumes. Or no costumes or clothes at all.

A short, female theatre student did a German cabaret number in black stockings, singing while she kicked a large man.

Another hopeful gave a monologue while shaving his chest.

One actor did a "vegetable fetish" piece, coming out and wearing nothing but a jock strap with a beet shoved down the front. Still another ingenuous actor created a nine-metre long phallus by inflating a plastic bag with compressed air.

Acts with oiled bodies, shaving cream and blood forced the stage manager, Marty Dupas, to mop the stage after each "audition."

"They were supposed to be bizarre and outrageous, and that's what they did," said Hughes of the 30 or so people who took part in the day-long auditions. There were six actors chosen for *Zastrozzi*, and they'll be rehearsing for five weeks after Christmas. Hughes said he was looking for certain kinds of people with "lots of personality."

"The style of the production is contemporary," he said and added that the play, containing sex, violence and rock music, is intended for an audience of 18 - 25 year olds. *Zastrozzi*, by Canadian playwright George F. Walker, opens February 12.□

Macerollo re-elected CFS chairperson

Ottawa (CUP)

Tony Macerollo, the clean-cut and diplomatic chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, was re-elected leader of the national student lobby and services group during its recent general meeting.

He vowed to continue work on problems that have longed plagued the five-year-old organization, including voting procedures and dealing with "non-educational issues."

At the same meeting, CFS delegates voted to sponsor a "national week of action" to protest post-secondary underfunding.

The January 26-30 protest week will be the climax of "Funding the Future," a one-year lobby campaign. Macerollo said the federation's 50 member associations will organize individual protests, as well as simultaneous news conferences to publicize the inadequacy of funding for education in Canada.□

On the Spot

by Leah Malkinson and Sandy Emerson

Do you feel that the AMS should boycott Coors beer on the basis of its discriminatory practices?

Tony McAleer
"I don't believe Coors should be boycotted because Coors is brewed by Molson's, a Canadian company with Canadian workers. Besides, I believe it should be up to the individual to boycott, a policy practiced by the AMS at UBC."

Tammy Beairsto
"Well, I suppose Coors should be boycotted based on a personal decision, not officially by the AMS which is somethine like a dictatorship. It's really not fair not to give someone a job solely based on their religion or sexual preference. Then again, if it is boycotted, Canadian workers will lose their jobs — which really sucks. Then again, so does J. Falwell."

Michael Smythe
"Any boycott of Coors beer here at UVic should be at a personal level until a referendum is held proving whether or not the student body is really against the sale of Coors beer. No elected body should have the right to initiate a policy of boycotting without answering to its voters."

Corinne Shepherd
"No, I think a boycott should be up to the individual. The AMS should be able to promote the idea of a boycott, but I don't think they should force one on the student body."□

LATE HOURS — STUDY HALL FACILITIES

Study facilities will be provided in the Clearihue Building prior to and during the fall examination period.

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** D rooms, will be available only from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the 6th*

Christmas

Santas Anonymous: gifts from the giving

by Leah Malkinson

Remember the excitement you felt as a kid, thinking Santa Claus would be coming down your chimney that very night with presents, even if he was twice the size of your chimney pipe? Remember the thrill of waking up before the sunrise just to run to the tree and find your stocking full and lots of presents with your name on them? You may recall these feelings.

Many children do not. Santa doesn't come to their houses and they don't know why. Imagine having no Christmas trees, turkey dinners or stuffed stockings. Imagine no presents. Children of needy families can well imagine this because it happens to them every year. "CFAX Santas Anonymous" was created to help these people enjoy the various Christmas traditions that many of us take for granted.

Santas Anonymous is a non-profit society with all administration costs borne by CFAX 1070 and all monetary donations going directly to those who need to benefit. The names of needy children, families, seniors and others are obtained from a clearing house called the Christmas Bureau; over 3,000 names of children alone are obtained.

Volunteers phone to find out what each child really wants for Christmas, allowing them each two gifts worth $50 in total. Then the names of these children are coded and broadcasted on the air on CFAX to let listeners know about the children and their Christmas wishes. All donated gifts must be new and are wrapped by the individual donors, and dropped off at special depots. Volunteers re-address them with the real names of the children and deliver them personally before Christmas in the tradition of St. Nick. Last year over 7,000 gifts were given on behalf of anonymous donors.

Santas Anonymous also prepares food hampers for needy families, raising the money for them through special projects. With the money collected, food is purchased at grocery warehouses. Many organizations like the City Hall and Firefighters take food donations. The hampers not only contain Christmas turkey and all the trimmings but also enough food and household goods to keep the family supplied for a week.

"Tim's Tending" is just one organization that is helping to raise money this year. On Saturday December 21st, a 10 km "Fun Run" is being held with the money collected going to both Santas Anonymous and the Mustard Seed (see Billboard for more information or call Tim Sangha at 479-2523.)

This Christmas, if you would like to donate a personal gift or gifts to those children and families who would really appreciate it, contribute to Santas Anonymous. Listen to CFAX 1070 or call Beth Anderson at 727-7713 for more information. Gifts may be dropped off at the UVic Extension Office (until December 12), McDonalds, or CFAX. □

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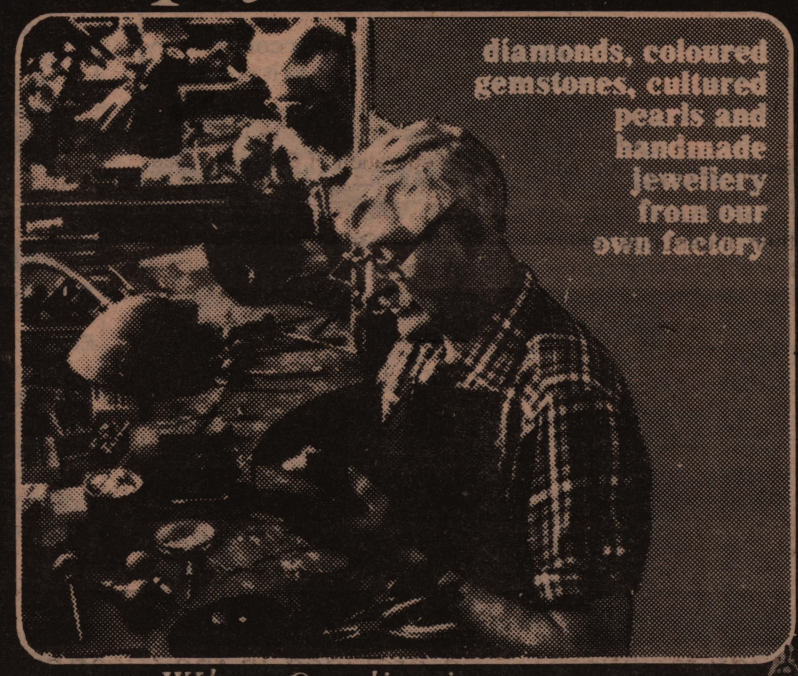

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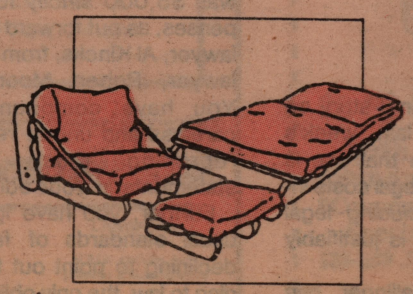

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EDITORIAL

Holidays for the spending?

It's almost starting to feel like Christmas. The morning frost and icy cold air are pretty close to a 'real winter' for Victoria. Other signs of Christmas may not be so welcome: frenzied panic over what to buy for families and friends, and even more panic for those who have no money. Know the feeling?

Crowded, noisy department stores, part-time Santa Clauses, kids screaming out their Christmas demands. Does this remind *you* of the spirit of Christmas?

There's no doubt Christmas has changed a lot from celebrating the birth of Christ, to what it is today — an annual compulsory spending binge to show your family and friends how much you care. This leaves less fortunate people feeling as though they somehow fail their children and friends when they can't afford to buy them gifts. Why is it we have to show our appreciation of loved ones by spending money?

There are some people for whom Christmas still holds much meaning, whether it be for religious reasons, for the feeling of family closeness, or the spirit of universal peace — the idea of goodwill among people of the earth. But unfortunately there are people who only recognize the commercialized aspect of the holiday.

Why don't we stop spending money we don't have on gifts and instead each contribute towards an annual gathering to celebrate the season with those we are close to. If some still feel the need to give gifts, then pull names out of a hat and have each person give and receive one gift. Maybe we could retain Christmas stockings for little children who enjoy the tradition of Santa Claus.

Maybe then we could get beyond the overly commercialized side of Christmas and enjoy it for what it should be — time of thankfulness and joy.

Surviving the electoral process

ANOTHER election over, at last. With this third and (with all hope) final election out of the way, students can get back to studying for those imminent exams.

What exactly did this repeat re-election prove? Perhaps it has finally cemented the contesting for the AMS president seat. The majority of voting students considered Klaus Mulert the person for the job in the September election, and they elected him yet again in the December 2 election. Although turnout for elections is usually low, more students voted (22 per cent) this time around than in the previous election (17 per cent).

If it's one thing that the Maier/Mallinger affair has done, is possibly prompted more students to pay attention to their student politicians. What would it take for a 50 per cent turnout at the polls — an assassination?

In the next election the AMS should reconsider accepting "joke candidates." We knew a lot about Ben the Rat, thanks to campus and off-campus coverage (front page of the *Times-Colonist*), but what about the owner of the "candidate," Dave Bigsby? He would have actually taken office if the Rat (actually a female) was elected.

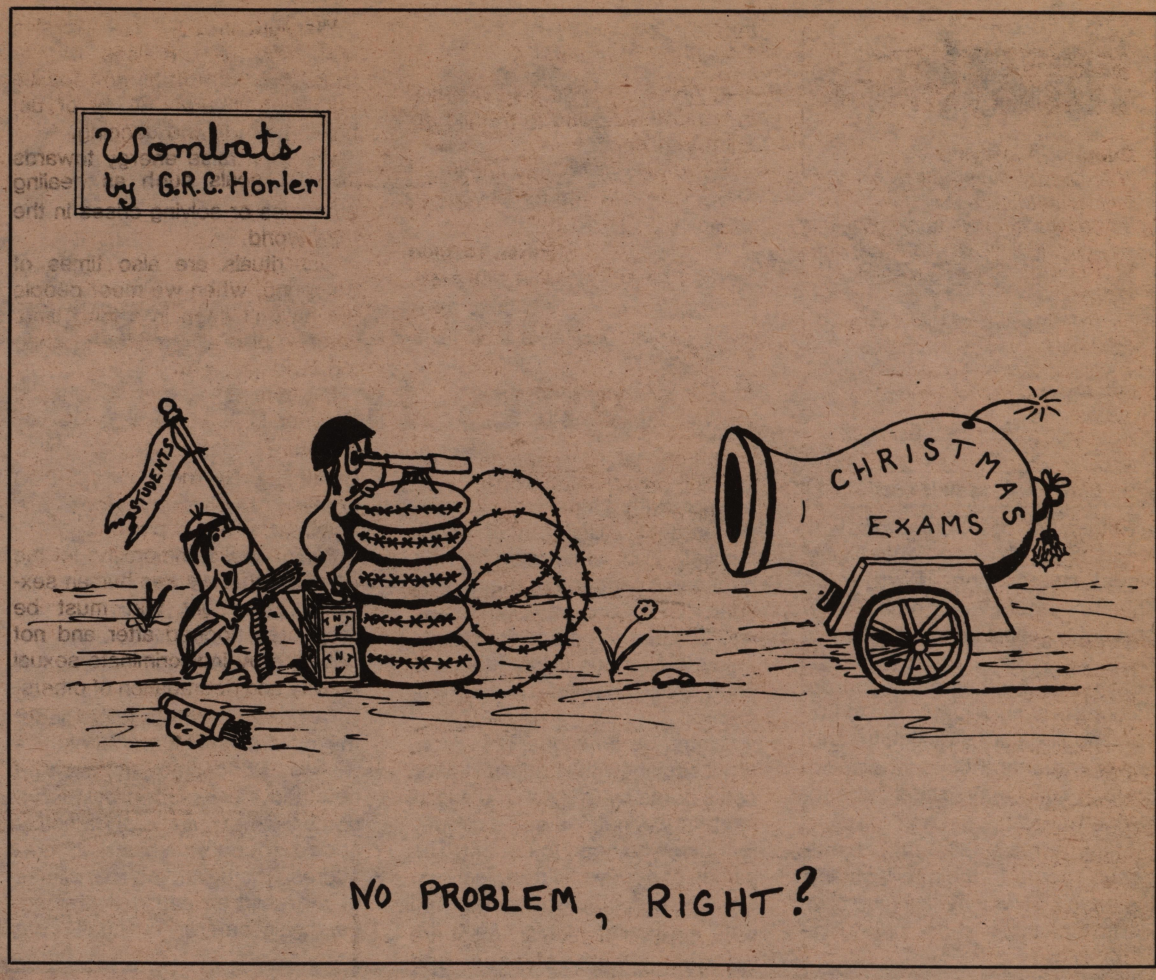
Though electoral officer Keith Piddington refused students and the press entry to the ballot count (the reason for which lies buried somewhere in the psyche of those who become electoral officers) Piddington did a credible job handling the event, considering he was not paid for the work. Aside from electoral platforms not being distributed evenly around campus and allowing the name of a rodent on the ballot, Piddington came through relatively unscathed.

Maybe now that all the fuss is over, the AMS executives and BOD can concentrate more on the work they were elected to do. We're all waiting in anticipation for what they'll do next.

After all, the *Martlet* thrives on this kind of action.□

CORRECTION

The November 27 *Martlet* contained an error about AMS presidential candidate Drina Mallinger. The article said Mallinger is seeking $5000 *plus* legal costs from the AMS. The sentence should have read that Mallinger is seeking $5000 *which includes* legal costs. The *Martlet* apologizes for the error and any inconvenience to Ms. Mallinger.



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The *Martlet* has an open letter policy: we will undertake to print every letter we receive from members of the university community. Letters must be typewritten (you can use our machines), double spaced and include your name and student number or a phone number where you can be reached during the day. Letters exceeding 250 words will be *ruthlessly* edited. Letters are due Monday, noon, previous to the desired publication date.

Misleading and Malicious

Editors:

Wrong again! The statement, "Mallinger is seeking $5000 plus legal fees" is utterly false. I told Lisa Langford, your reporter, at least three times that the $5000 *included* the legal fees and was the total amount for both suits, provided that the Board chooses to settle with me.

Apart from being a complete falsehood, this statement has no doubt decimated my campaign for presidency. I don't know if it was a case of carelessness or a calculated attempt to discredit me, but that doesn't matter because the fact remains that the statement was misleading and malicious.

I expect a full apology on the front page of the next Martlet and no less than 200 posters (8½ x 14) displayed around the campus, apologizing for the error, prior to the Tuesday, December 2 election.

I trust that in the future your reporters will be more careful and have their facts straight *before* they go to print.

Cordially,
Drina A. Mallinger

Mistake not Malicious

Editors:

I made an error in my story on Drina Mallinger in last week's *Martlet* when I wrote that she is seeking $5000 *plus* legal costs instead of $5000 *including* legal costs. Ms. Mallinger is justifiably frustrated and angry.

However, Ms. Mallinger has made two serious accusations which warrant a response.

Ms. Mallinger contends that this error was "malicious." She speculates whether this was a deliberate attempt to sabotage her campaign. The error was an honest mistake. I find Ms. Mallinger's comments insulting and unfair.

Ms. Mallinger writes that this error "has no doubt decimated (her) campaign." Paranoia? Students base their election choice on the candidates' political experience, organizational skills, and goals.

Some students take issue that she is suing the students she wishes to represent. I think they oppose her request for money on principle, not the amount of money she hopes to get.

Sincerely,
Lisa Langford

More Maliciousness

Editors:

Your newspaper is party to a deliberate, malicious character assassination of Drina Mallinger at the Thursday All-Candidates' Meeting.

Your reporter, Lisa Langford, published a false and defamatory statement to the effect that Mallinger's demands were $5,000 plus legal expenses when the truth was $5,000 *strictly* for legal expenses, as put forward to the AMS lawyer, Al Kincks, from Mallinger's lawyer, Robert Moore-Stewart. You have compounded your careless and untrue reporting by reprinting those incorrect statements in your editorial.

Further, you have ignored the usual standards of fairness by declining to point out that according to law, the only obligation Mallinger should she be elected is not to vote on her own settlement. You have also conveniently forgotten the fact that in any case of civil action against an incorporated body, be it a non-profit society such as the AMS, a government such as say the Municipality of Saanich, or a company such as BC Tel that it is the members, taxpayers, and shareholders who must pay. Students and AMS-types cannot enjoy the privileges of being in an incorporated body without taking on the responsibilities.

All what this election exercise has shown that neither you nor the AMS has the maturity to carry on as it now stands, and if a judge and a civil jury agree, then you should pay the price. The AMS went out of its way to destroy the candidacy of Drina Mallinger and you added to the act by publishing false information about her. These acts shall not go unpunished.

Brendan B. Read

Holland makes his own demands

Editors:

Fascist Press:

How dare you misquote me, with deliberate malice and forethought.

1. Quote of the Week.

The motion really read: "Moved *(Holland/)* that the Board of Directors open nominations for a firing squad it case it becomes necessary.

2. Student Directory misses out.

I was quoted out of context. I don't care if the other directors are assassinated, I only care if I get assassinated.

3. Across the BOD.

Same as 1 and the motion was not dismissed as "frivolous" it was thrown out by an imperialistic, autocratic chair.

In light of these attempts to discredit me, my life is now hopelessly ruined, I demand compensation!

1. A full page apology on the front page of every Martlet for the rest of the school year.

2. Two hundred posters of apology to be placed next to any other posters of apology that you might put up.

3. $5000.00 for future mental anguish.

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Quote of the Week:
"Faculty Club luncheons by our first president [Monica Maier] were extravagant and made up a substantial amount of what was spent out of Hosting. Some expense for instance:
— on 8 occasions packets of cigarettes
— on 2 occasions Gin & Tonics, Tia Marias, and Vodka and Orange Juices
— on 8 occasions luncheons over $10."
— AMS VP Finance Carlos Choy

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Letters
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4. An all expense paid vacation in London, England to rebuild my shattered ego.

If you do not comply within 24 hours I will sue you for all you are worth. SO THERE!!!

Stephen Holland

P.S. I have friends in the AMS.

Hurrah for Ben the Rat

Editors:

As many of your readers know, the Self Development Centre is involved in the fight against poverty and unemployment. In that capacity, I agree to help students who are low-income in some cases. We are pleased to see that Dennis Sheppard, Supreme Court Justice, agreed with me (in the case of Drina Mallinger vs. the AMS Board of Directors) that she was denied due process by the AMS board. It's not very often that a court ruling can be used to validate your skills or advertise the fact that poor people can fight back against social injustice.

I have nothing against the student body in particular, most are struggling with classes and assignments, many are forced to subsist on student loans that are grossly inadequate but almost all students must feel cheated by their supposed representatives who seem to have far too much power and are too comfortable in the abuse of that power. As such I call it the "ingrown toenail" syndrome. The AMS "SUB-rats" have generated little else besides hostility, apathy and contempt. Small wonder that few students pay much attention to goings-on at the Student Union Building.

Perhaps, we should scrap the AMS and start from scratch?

Hurrah for Ben the Rat!

What I would really like to see is a *slate* of concerned students, drawn from the ranks of the peace groups, anti-poverty organizations (I don't give a damn for any of the three political parties represented on campus) and low-income students. We could kick out the whole bunch of arrogant bastards and let decent, hard-working students get on with their studies. Why put up with these losers who have nothing to do with their time but waste student money?

Sincerely
Peter Ramsey

Exercises in Selective Amnesia

Editors:

I felt angry and insulted when I read the letter written by Rev. Jim Hill in regards to a group I belong to, the Holly and Oak Pagan Discussion Group.

Hill says our literature is "anti-Christian" and then goes on to insinuate that we might do some horrible things inside the chapel if we were allowed to use it.

I think it is time to set the record straight. First of all, Holly and Oak literature, which consists of two issues of *Hecate's Loom*, has nothing anti-Christian or anti-anything in it. Its biases are pro-Pagan (trying to convince some Christians that pro-Pagan is not anti-Christian is like trying to convince some men that pro-Woman is not anti-Man).

Yes, I have taken part in many rituals, not all of them with the Holly and Oaks. What happens at these rituals?

We light incense and candles and then sing praises of the God/dess, (the male and female principles inherent in all of us) holding hands and dancing.

We then raise energy towards positive goals such as healing ourselves or solving crises in the third world.

Our rituals are also times of gathering, when we meet people we haven't seen in a long time. After-ritual is also a time for sharing food and drink.

Blood sacrifices are an abuse of the very thing we adore, the divinity of nature. To commit such acts is to go against the philosophy of Wicca which is the respect for all inhabitants of this planet.

As for gross immorality, let me point out that we see human sexuality as a gift that must be respected, looked after and not debased by indiscriminate sexual activity and degradation of others.

Anyways, what gives one religion the right to decide which groups can or cannot use a building, paid for by public funds, as part of a public institution? Especially as the chapel sometimes sits empty and unused!

As for ancient abuse, if religious discrimination is back in vogue does that mean witch-burning is just around the corner?

C. Ostrowski

Editors:

The Rev. Hill's letter regarding the Holly and Oak Pagan Discussion Group is an exercise in selective amnesia. The Rev. is implying that because this "religion" might have been in its past involved with practises which would be considered immoral today we should be wary. Well if this is the case Rev. Hill I am terrified of you and your religion. Who knows when we might expect Chrisitianity to take up a crusade against the Muslim hordes again or revert back the kinds of practices carried out in the Spanish Inquisition, remember what the Church did to the West Coast Indians in the name of Christianity? If you really would like to resolve this issue by sitting down and listening to one another, it would be wise not to bring up the past because Christianity has more than its fair share of skeletons in its closet.

Kevin Brady

Editors:

In response to the Rev. Jim Hill's letter of last week, there are a few comments I would like to make regarding the Holly and Oak Pagan Discussion Group and the "Interfaith" Chapel.

Firstly, I agree that communication between the Pagan group and the Chaplains is essential. Indeed, it represents the spirit of "interfaith" itself. The group has consistently tried to give the Chaplains an accurate picture of modern Wicca and Paganism. We have suggested books. We have invited them to our ritual. We have tried to

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encourage discussion. What else is there?

Secondly, to clarify any confusion, we use the term "discussion group" in the same way that many Christian groups use the term "fellowship group." The latter term is a striking example of sexist language, and, as our religion seeks to re-value the Divine Feminine, is completely unacceptable. We are and have always been a religion, and "discussion" is merely a part of the larger whole.

Thirdly, it is true that some of our members call themselves "agnostic." The word implies questioning, not disbelief. We believe that the process of questioning is an integral part of personal development, and that it is a necessary factor in social change.

Fourthly, it is irrelevant whether or not we are "pre-Christian" (although we are), and we are certainly not "anti-Christian." We are simply "non-Christian." If we seem reactionary, it is because we seek to rectify some of the damage done by people in the *name* of Christianity, damage done to the Earth, damage to women, and damage to other religious groups.

Finally, I wish to comment on the "gross immorality" of which we are accused. The Wiccan Rede states " do what ye will that ye harm none." Wicca and Paganism are nature-based religions, revering the Earth and the sacredness of all living things, and the Divinity which exists within us all. We are not and have never been the orgiastic devil-worshippers that we have been labelled, in fact, we do not believe in the devil at all as he is merely a Christian heresy. With regard to the "human sacrifice"suggested as part of our practices (which it is not), I can only point to the countless thousands of men and women who were "sacrificed" in the name of Christianity during the Medieval and Puritannical Witch-hunts.

I hope, as the Rev. Hill seems to, that these misconceptions will dissolve in the future. I, too, wish to "stop the accusation and defense and listen to one another." Discussion is, however, two-sided.

Yours truly,
Kate Sandilands

Let's be serious

Editors:

I feel that the Reverend Jim Hill's letter contains much the same accusation that not only he but we all wish could be stopped. He has had the constitution of the H.O.P.D.G. since September, and it states that the club is open to all students regardless of faith who wish to discuss Paganism. We are also a support and networking group for Pagans and have a ritual group that meets to celebrate the Holy Days of various Pagan religions. Participation in celebrations is strictly voluntary. The club is composed of about 50-50 Pagans and non-Pagans and most Pagans in the club are Wiccans.

Is our literature anti-Christian? No!!! Telling people the truth about the Burning Times can be threatening to those who wish to just forget them, but that is no more anti-Christian than writing about the Nazi regime is anti-German. Witches don't hold grudges against 400 year old wrongs. We don't have in our literature anything like the line in the Bible which states "Suffer a Witch to die."

Is Wicca or Wicce a revival of the Old Religion? Yes, the religion of the Goddess. Will we bring back human sacrifice (and yes, the Druids may have sacrified condemned criminals)? I would ask the Chaplains if they would bring back Witchburning. Burning the couple dozen Witches on campus shouldn't take more than an afternoon. Pity we'd lose some of our best professors. Let's be serious, both religions are more mature than all that. Let's drop the animosity and discuss this like adults.

J. Bryony Lake

Dear Sports Editor

Editors:

How are you, Brett Westcott?

Many of the accusations and claims in your response were completely unfounded. Some of the accusations were very unprofessional, so I have chosen to ignore these right now and attend to the matters at hand.

I believe the ones that you should be informing of your office hours are your newspaper colleagues who were unable to answer my question as to when these hours were. It is not my inability to read that has stopped me from contacting you, but you seem to think that my last letter was written as an attack on you personally and that revenge was in order.

I do not have a "burning desire to be another Hemingway or Shakespeare." You will notice that my articles were not the creative pieces of work of an author but the factual statements of the games' accounts. I'm sorry to hear that stories are held back "largely due to space," but, tell us, why are the rest held back? (By the way, the entire page devoted to the NHL in the Sports section last week was certainly of interest and importance to a majority, if not all, of the stu-

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National news from Canadian University Press

Drunken antics cost prez job

Halifax (CUP)

A drunken escapade in which another Nova Scotia College of Arts and Design student's artwork was destroyed has cost the student union president his job.

Ken Robinson was voted out of office November 23 after councillors complained about this and other "irregularities" in his administration of the student union.

Robinson refused to resign, and disputes the legality of the motion and of an omnibus resolution used to appoint interim president Joe Blades.

Catherine Gruetzke, an American exchange student at the college, said Robinson discharged a fire extinguisher into her studio space and damaged her artwork on the evening of November 6.

Other students present say Robinson had been drinking earlier that night, a charge that Robinson doesn't deny. However, he said he wasn't acting in his capacity as president during the incident, and so claims the matter is irrelevant.

Gruetzke complained to college president Garry Kennedy, who warned Robinson that if he acted again in this manner he could be kicked out of school.

Blades said many students felt Robinson should have been expelled. " In other art schools, destruction of another student's property would be grounds for automatic expulsion," he said.□

Talking typewriter for blind

Vancouver (CUP

Michael Beddoes, a University of British Columbia electrical engineer, is wrapping up the software for a talking typewriter he hopes will make essay typing easier for blind students.

A small speaker, TRS-80 or compatible computing unit display, and a printer if desired, are required to make Beddoes' software work. Each keystroke is immediately answered by the computer with an intelligible pronounciation.

The whole unit with printer costs slightly more than $1,000.

"Besides blind students, this machine has possible use for the brain handicapped," Beddoes said. "For those people, learning to spell would be easier because the students hear the letters and words as they press them on the keyboard."□

UBC president denies student rep

Vancouver (CUP)

The president of the University of British Columbia has ruled out any student representation on a sexual harassment committee he appointed last summer.

But David Strangway said that proposed sexual harassment procedures at UBC will "probably" be made public before they become policy.

Students were left off the committee, said Strangway, because he was anxious to start the process as soon as possible with a very small group.

Graduate Student Society president Phil Bennett said formulating campus-wide procedures for sexual harassment is a farce without student representation.

In terms of campus employees, CUPE Local 116 president Ken Andrews said he has sent a submission to the committee. But Andrews said he is skeptical it will be accepted, as the union spent many hours sitting on past UBC committees on sexual harassment which resulted in nothing.

The most recent committee was disbanded in frustration with the administration's mandate to investigate only sexual harassment of students by students.

He said the UBC local, with 1,500 members, tried several times during bargaining with the university to insert wording on sexual harassment into the contract language, with no success.□

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dent body.)

I see that it is your decision as to which articles get printed and which games and teams get coverage. You do have the title of Sports Editor. I hope the Sports page is interesting for you.

There is a sentence in your article that states that "too many head balls can cause brain damage." Unless you have proof of this, I believe you owe an apology to all soccer players. And, you have shown that you are lacking in knowledge of soccer in general, because if you were to check the rules you would find that not anywhere does it say that a soccer team must "hold water." Most people use buckets or other vessels for this purpose.

It is unfortunate that you could not see through your blind rage to write a decent response. Professional editors tend not to show personal biases or prejudices in their articles as they would soon find themselves out of a job otherwise. Pardon me, I realize that you are not a professional.

Nancy Nickoli

Editors:

How very sad to think that our student newspaper, in particular its Sports Editor, cannot stand scrutiny or criticism. Your response to Nancy Nickoli's letter was purile, vitriolic, partisan, and lacking in journalistic ethics.

A survey of campus attitudes may well reveal that many university sports teams feel neglected by the athletic administration. There is growing concern that we are so top heavy in the promotion of one sport, that there is an inequitable distribution of our fees and of the use of services of the paid employees of the athletic department.

It is not your perogative as Sports Editor, to play GOD with OUR newspaper, but rather to edit it in an unbiased and professional manner. Regrettably, you appear to possess neither of these qualities and one can only hope that time will serve to help you in these areas. I am assuming that you are not paid as Sports Editor, and in all honesty, we should therefore be grateful that at least someone volunteered to do the job.

Your article on NHL ice and the basketball illustration on page 17 of November 27, appears to defeat your feeble argument that lack of space is the criteria for not publishing many articles and letters. I urge Martlet readers to look at page 17 and ask themselves how pathetic a waste of space is the basketball illustration.

I would like to suggest that the budgets of the various Varsity sports teams for this year be published, and perhaps we may all have a clearer picture of the pecking order at UVic.

By the way, there are many more seagulls out there than perhaps you realize.

Jane Rees
Soccer Vikettes

Editors Note: All sub-editors are paid a work study wage based on 150 hours over the course of the year.

Editors:

Sports Editor Brett Westcott's defensive and unintelligent reply to Nancy Nickoli gave her complaints about the biases towards Women's Soccer more credibility.

N. Lucas

Editors:

I was not impressed by the response of your sports editor (a Mr. Brett Westcott) to Nancy Nickoli. Only an explanation of why the articles were not published was necessary. I did not find his references to headballs, seagulls, or un-typed letter humorous at all. All sports teams should be recognized and promoted in *The Martlet*, not just the high profile sports. If the students of UVic want to be proud of their newspaper, a bit more professionalism on behalf of the editors would be of help. Mr. Westcott should submit a formal apology to Ms. Nickoli and the Vickettes soccer team.

Don Telfer

Editors:

It was with nothing less than shock that I read last weeks unprofessional letter by Sports Editor Brett Westcott. Although valid, the thrust of his argument was deflated by the contemptousness of his irrelevant comments.

Evidently Westcott is not a fan of Women's Soccer, however, the aims of a Sports Editor are not to cultivate a popularity contest.

Nancy Nickoli's letter was well written and expressed valid concerns that Brett's response, written in the poorest of taste, failed to recognize.

L. Poole

Editors:

Your reply to Nancy Nickoli was rude and insulting. What you wrote was a piece of garbage. I believe you owe her an apology. If indeed there was no room for her story, you should have politely said that due to a lack of space, we are unable to print it. Hopefully we can print it next time. There was no need to take cheapshots at her. The arguments you put forward to why Nancy's story couldn't be printed are a joke.

As for lack of space, I checked a few of the past issues and in many of them, half the sports section was filled with advertisements. The Martlet sure doesn't seem to lack space when it uses three quarters of a page to print the ever important beer or Granada advertisement.

Also how do you decide what is more interesting to a greater number of students and what is not? I can't believe you held back local UVic sports stories for three quarters of a page of hockey babble (Nov. 27). We can pick up Sports Illustrated to read stuff like that. What can we expect next Brett? Mongolian pig wrestling?

If the lesser known UVic teams would get more exposure in the Martlet (as they should), then maybe more students would go out and support them. What gives you the right to hold back student's stories just because you deem them uninteresting? You seem to have your priorities all wrong. This is a student newspaper Brett Westcott, not your own personal newspaper. Keep this in mind when future stories are submitted for printing.

YOU have a definite attitude problem in dealing with people. Why don't you grow up and start acting like a responsible, mature adult. As it stands now, the only paper which you seem worthy of editing is, toilet paper.

Brian Cantin

Editors:

May a Seagull shit on your head.

E. McKenzie

Get your facts straight

Editors:

I'm writing this letter in response to Mr. Carlos Choy's "*opinion*"in *The Martlet* a couple of weeks ago.

First of all, who is Alpha Kappa Omega? Secondly, what does a fashion show have to do with educational cutbacks? If you had done a little research into the *Theta* Kappa Omega fashion show you would have found that it was a positive, fun-filled display of non-exclusive, affordable clothing by stores like Le Chateau and Randy River. Not only was the fashion show a fairly successful fund raiser, but it was not centered around a main theme of alcohol as so many UVic fund raisers are (in fact there was no alcohol). As far as the T.K.O. club is concerned we are a little distressed by your uneducated, unbridled words of distaste towards our club. Words like "elitist" and "social dating club" are strong accusations coming from someone who has never attended one of our meetings and know nothing about the structure and function of our club. Elitist? Why don't you come to one of our general meetings and see first-hand the variety of students in our club (which, incidentally, welcomes *everyone*). Our club who "contribute(s) nothing to campus society" has just finished, as part of its initiation procedures, doing volunteer work at a disabled-animal farm in Sidney, singing songs and carols with the children at Queen Alexandra Hospital for Children, doing clean-up crews of parks, beaches and grounds around Victoria and UVic campus, and manning poll stations for the

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SPORTS

V-ball Vikings improve while Vikettes remain unbeaten

by Allison Currie

The UVic men's volleyball squad earned its first win of the young Canada West University Athletic Association season as it defeated the University of Lethbridge 3-0 last Friday, but lost to Calgary 3-1 last Saturday on a Prairie road trip.

The women's volleyball team continued to dominate conference play as it rolled past Lethbridge 3-0 and fought off a tough Calgary challenge before posting a 3-1 victory also in Alberta last weekend.

In Friday's action against Lethbridge, the Vikings played an effective all-round game. although a mental lapse resulted in the loss of the third game 15-13. Despite the Pronghorns' inexperience and youth, the Vikings earned their victory with a solid team effort and well-executed offense.

In UVic's 15-3, 15-9, 13-15 and 15-19 win, the key player was Rob Holley, who finished with 15 spike kills and was named the match's most-valuable player. Mike McCulloch added 14 kills while setter Daryl Britz had three stuff blocks and three service aces. Coach Paul Brasson was also pleased with the play of his substitutes, particularly Dan Lundgren and Todd Morrison.

The match against Calgary was a different story. The Vikings found themselves in a frustrating match, not due to the actions of their opponents, but rather through extenuating circumstances surrounding the match. Lack of communication between officials and UVic left the Vikings with a shortened warmup period which caused them to come out flat in the opening game.

After falling 15-5 in the first game, UVic rallied to take the second game 16-14 after being down 13-8. The Dinosaurs then won a tight third game 16-14 and UVic stayed close in the fourth game before bowing out 15-10.

Brasson made frequent substitutions and was impressed with the improvements of his younger players, who have begun to adjust to his game plan and blend with whatever combination of players is on the court. In particular, Brasson noted the play of rookies Tom Lee and Shawn Boulding. Fourth-year member Crawford also turned in a fine passing game, which combined with his leadership earned him the match's most-valuable-player award.

Meanwhile, the women continued to roll along through the conference with an unbeaten record.

Against Lethbridge the Vikettes put in a consistent effort and played particularly well in the second game of the match. In the 15-9, 15-3 and 15-9 victory, the Vikette subs who came off the bench were well prepared to perpetuate UVic's game plan. Coach Doug Reimer was pleased "with the substitutes' ability to mesh over the course of the match, in particular rookie power hitter Maureen (Mo) Odland, who played effectively."

Saturday UVic was confronted by the University of Calgary's strong attempt to break the Vikette undefeated record, which now stands at six wins against no losses. The Vikettes won the match, which was their toughest to date, 15-11, 3-15, 15-10 and 15-6.

Despite dropping the second game 15-3, the Vikettes found their composure in third and fourth games as they worked hard to overcome Calgary's tenacious defence and the impressive power hitting of Shelley Burdick. Reimer noted the better conditioning and poise of his squad were strong factors in the victory along with strong blocking, which frustrated the Dinnie's offensive drive.

Middle Blocker Shanon Lazerte was named the match's most-valuable player for her accurate passing and effective all-around play. Lara Melville turned in another good performance for the Vikettes hitting home 14 spike kills and counting six stuff blocks.

Third-year middle blocker Christian summed up the match: "Other than the second game we held our composure, and our strong defensive play turned back Calgary's bid to record a run of points; basically we played better under pressure."

Norsemen a hidden success

by Shawn Coates

The realm which is known as UVic soccer is, at times, unusual. The majority of press and fan coverage is devoted to the Vikings varsity men's side. Their intercollegiate competition as well as local play are often heralded by fans and media alike.

This attention often leaves UVic's two other soccer sides, the Vikettes women's team and the Norsemen junior varisity squad, unnoticed.

The Vikettes, who have had some successes this year, will be covered here in the new year. For the moment, there are the successes of the junior varsity team.

The Norsemen compete in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's second division. During the past three years, this team has suffered only two defeats in league play. Currently the Norsemen are a single point out of first place, having tied Vic West 1-1 in their last league match.

The typical Norseman is usually one of the following types of players. He is either a person hoping to advance to the varsity side or a player who is heavily committed to school but wishes to enjoy competitive soccer without the demanding training schedule.

Right winger Neil Ryan, in his third year with the team, notes this fact. "Contrary to unpopular opinion, it is not true that heading soccer balls cause brain damage. Many of our players are dedicated to school as well as soccer."

The Norsemen feature many talented athletes including late Viking cuts Mike Baird and the team's midfield general Darren Smith.

The Norsemen next see action in the Jackson Cup's second round by virtue of their stunning 2-1 victory over Gorge of the First Division. □

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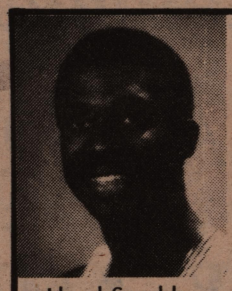

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MOST COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL IN CANADA

Vikettes, Vikings stumble into the holiday season

by Brett Westcott

The Christmas break will provide a welcome relief for the UVic men's and women's basketball teams after each came away with splits in action last week.

The Canada West University Athletic Association held its annual women's tip-off basketball tournament at UVic's McKinnon Gym and the Vikettes proved perfect hosts as they watched Lethbridge Lady Pronghorns walk away with the championship.

UVic, which had a first-round tournament bye after finishing first in the conference last season, came out flat against a young Calgary Dinnies squad and dropped a 61-57 decision in a semifinal contest Saturday.

Calgary used solid efforts from Jodi Evans, Debbie Patterson and Veronica Vander Schee to jump ahead of the Vikettes 32-23 at half time.

The Vikettes finally put their offence into high gear in the second half as Janet Fowler and Lori Clarke began to dominate play inside. The Dinnies were not ready to roll over and play dead as they would not let the Vikettes establish control of the game.

With UVic leading 55-54 late in the game, Calgary point guard Cori Blakebrough tossed in a three-point basket to put Calgary in front to stay.

Leading the way for Calgary, which defeated UBC Thunderbirds 83-46 in a first-round game the previous evening, was Patterson with 17 points. Evans added 12 points and Laura Ryckman counted 10 points. Evans also hauled down 15 rebounds.

Fowler turned in a great effort for UVic as she was virtually unstoppable in the second half on her way to 25 points. Clarke added 20 points during a game in which she often found herself being guarded by several players.

Smarting from their loss the previous evening, the Vikettes vented their anger Sunday morning in the form of a 92-35 thrashing of a young Saskatchewan Huskiette team.

The Huskiettes and coach Tracie McAra, who wore a Vikette uniform for five years as one of the country's great point guards, had asked the game to be rescheduled so they could make an early flight back home, but they should have been advised to cancel the game.

UVic scored at will from inside and outside against Saskatchewan. The Huskiettes may be excused, however, because Vikette coach Kathy Shields had her team flying and it would have been difficult for any team in the country to defeat UVic on this day.

Fowler again paced UVic with 28 points. Clarke chipped in 13 points while Karla Karch and Shannon Conway each added 12 points.

Andrea Karwacki and Pat Lofstrom each scored 10 points to lead the Saskatchewan attack.

In the championship final, the veteran Lethbridge squad knocked off Calgary 69-64 in an exciting game between two of the top teams in the country.

Named to the tournament all-star team were Fowler, Patterson, Vander Schee, Kathy Keats of Alberta and Dori Rodzinyak of Lethbridge. Sharon Hamilton of Lethbridge was named the tournament's most valuable player.

The next action for the Vikettes comes this weekend when they travel to Bellingham to take on Western Washington. The team takes a break for exams, but returns to the court shortly after Christmas for tournaments in Toronto and at UVic.

Meanwhile with the men, the Vikings are having their reign of Pacific Northwest basketball dominance challenged this season. Unable to schedule games against heavyweights such as Washington Huskies and Washington State Cougars, the Vikings have contented themselves with beating up small American colleges. This season, however, these small American colleges are fighting back.

Earlier this season, St. Martin's University extended UVic to the final seconds before dropping a narrow one-point decision. Last week the Vikings split a pair of games against two tough American opponents.

UVic opened this week with a 75-72 overtime loss to Western Washington in Bellingham last Tuesday.

The Vikings continued their consistent play of late as they trailed 32-31 at half time. They rebounded to tie the game at the end of regulation time before running out of gas during the overtime period.

Spencer McKay paced the Vikings with 20 points. Jerry Divoky scored 14 points and Lloyd Scrubb contributed 11 points.

Dale Harris led Western Washington with 18 points. Marcus Buren counted 15 points and Tim Dickerson added 12 points.

The Vikings returned home last Saturday and squeaked past a spunky team from Pacific University 83-76 in overtime.

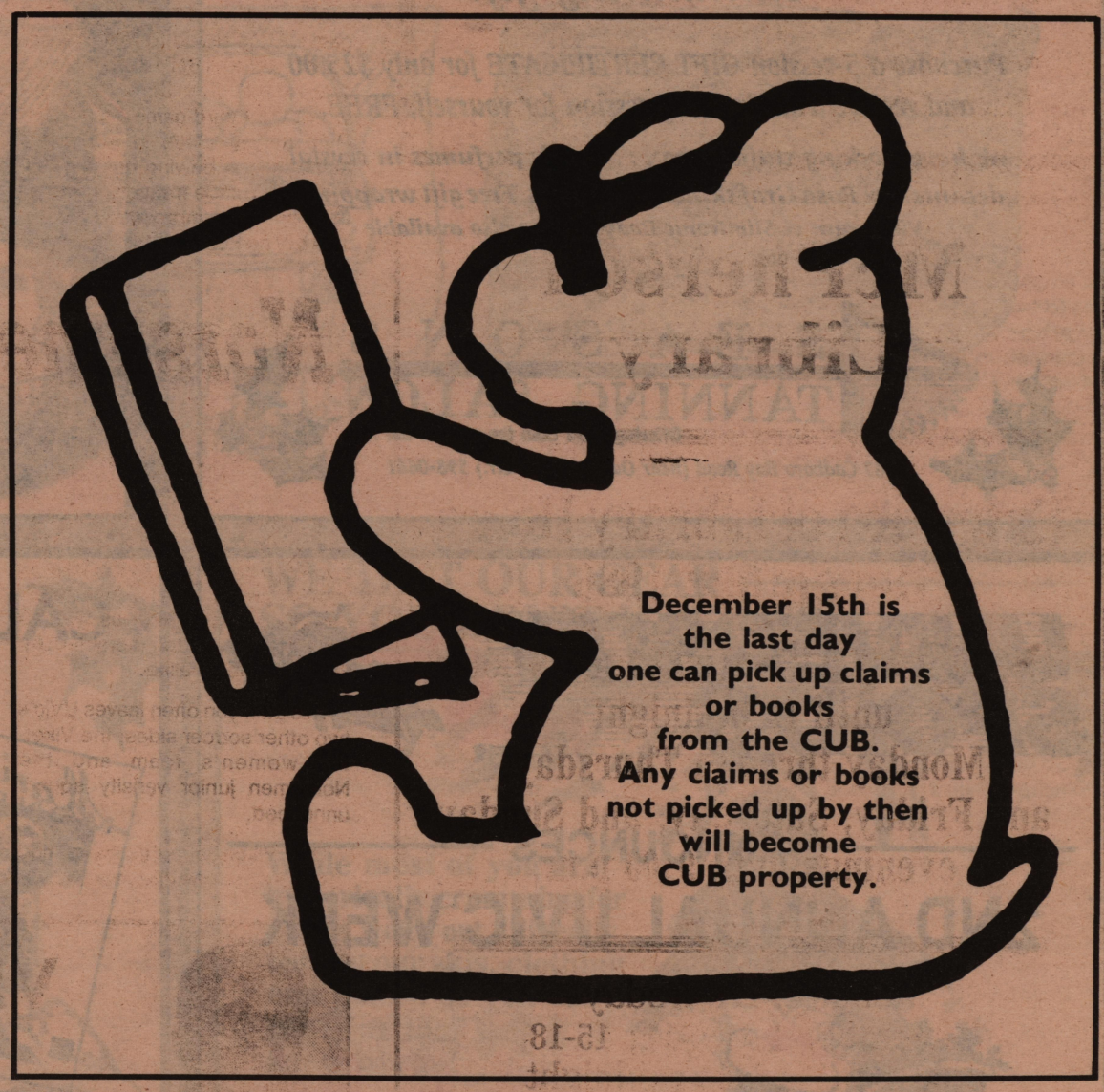
UVic seemed to have the game won in regulation time with a 68-63 lead and only 40 seconds left on the clock. Those 40 seconds proved to be an eternity as Pacific rattled home five quick points to tie the game and send it into overtime.

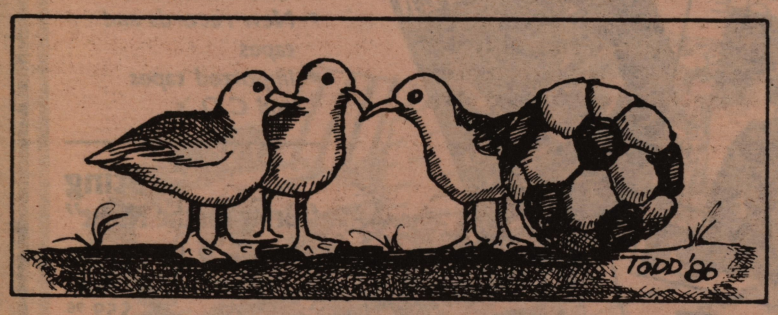
Divoky led UVic with 20 points and McKay canned 19 points.

Leading Pacific in a losing cause were Mike Ward and Brian Van Wagner with 19 points each.

The Vikings return to action this weekend at McKinnon Gym with the annual Pacific Rim Classic. The four-team tournament brings together UVic, Athletes in Action, Calgary 88's senior men's team and a Seattle senior men's team.

Game times are 6:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday.





CWUAA Women's Tip-Off Tournament Summary

First-round (Friday)
Calgary Dinnies 83-46 UBC Thunderbirds
Lethbridge Lady Pronghorns 68-48 Saskatchewan Huskiettes

Semifinal Round (Saturday)
Calgary Dinnies 61-57 UVic Vikettes
Lethbridge Lady Pronghorns 58-57 Alberta Pandas

Consolation Round (Saturday)
Saskatchewan Huskiettes 59-58 UBC Thunderbirds

Consolation Round (Sunday)
Alberta Pandas 64-36 UBC Thunderbirds

Consolation Final (Sunday)
UVic Vikettes 92-35 Saskatchewan Huskiettes

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Lethbridge Lady Pronghorns 69-64 Calgary Dinnies

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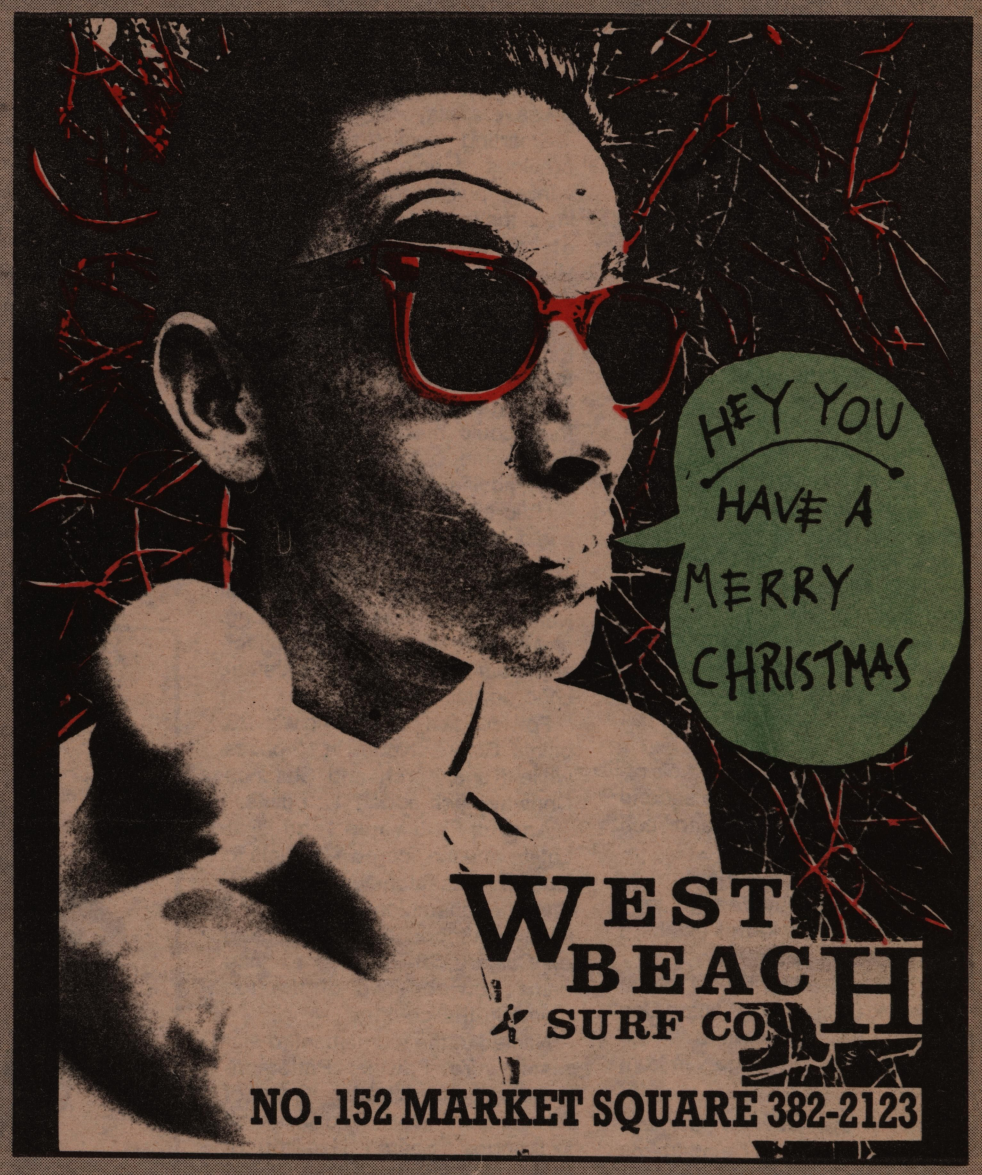

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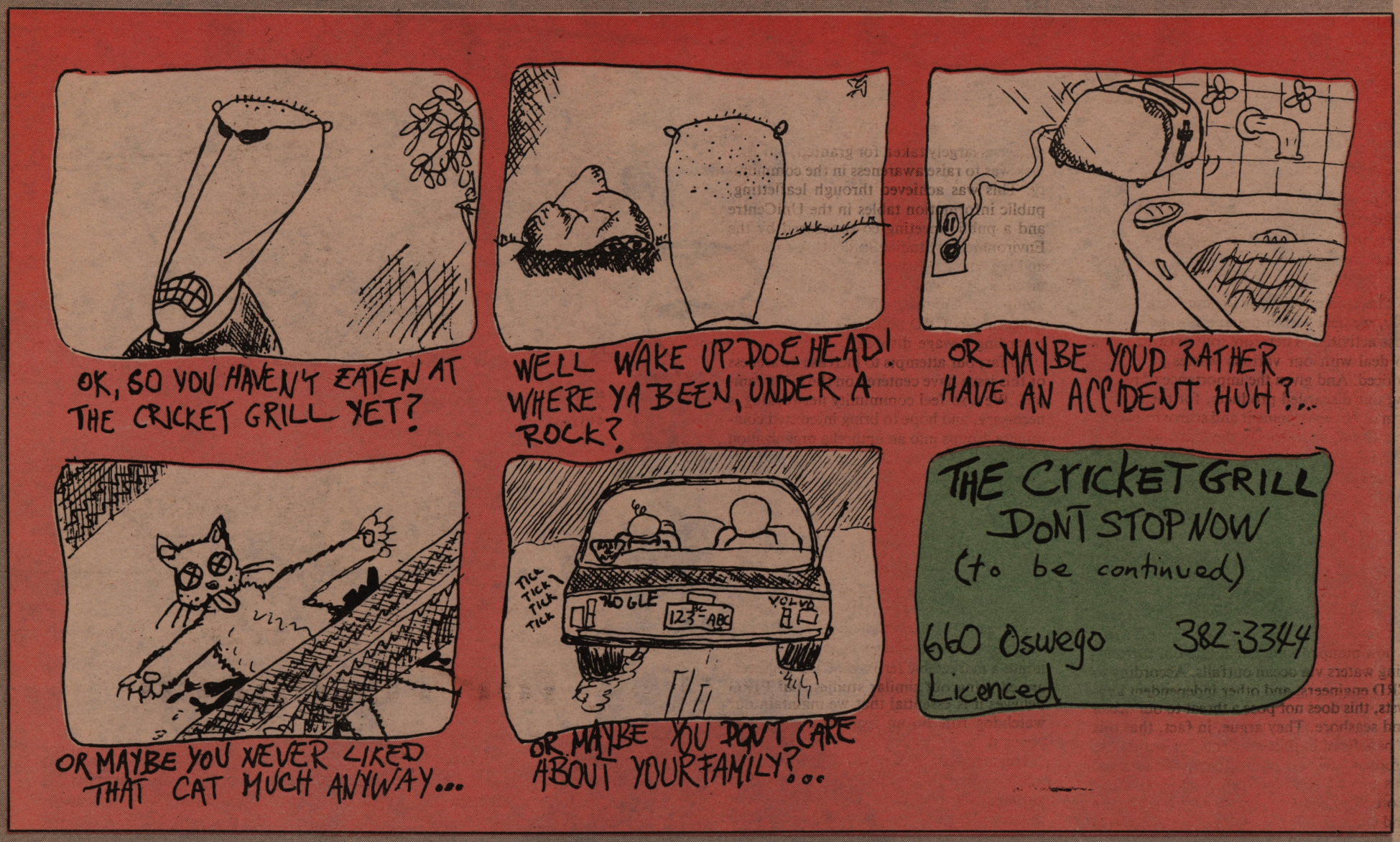

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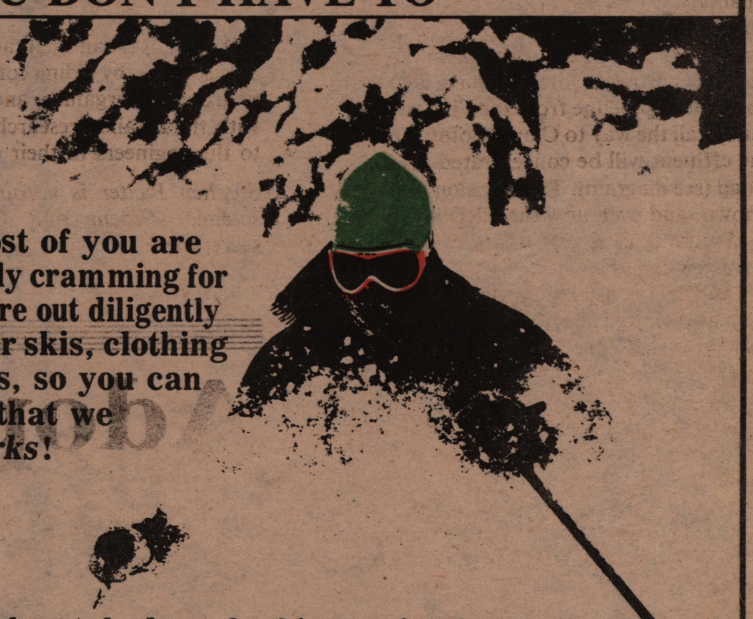

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Across the BOD

by Charlotte Ostrowski

The thirteenth regular quorum meeting of the Alma Mater Society's Board of Directors met in the SUB Upper Lounge at 7:10 p.m. on December 1, with Rob Brownie as the chairperson.

Executive Reports:
Carlos Choy, VP Finance, missed the *Martlet* letters deadline so he read his apology to the Theta Kappa Omega club for his *Martlet* opinion piece, before the BOD. He noted the club does do some activities he thinks are worthwhile such as an event to do with the handicapped at Queen Alexandra Hospital. However, he said does not want to see any more events like fashion shows.

Keith Piddington, VP Services, said one presidential candidate complained about a mistake in *Martlet* coverage so he posted copies of a signed statement of correction on campus notice boards. He added, another candidate, Barry Walters, didn't even know he was running until he saw the posters that were put up in his name. He consequently withdrew from the election.

Special and Committee Reports:
James Tate said on his way to representing UVic at a CFS meeting in Vancouver he was told by Mike Geoghagen on the ferry he wasn't needed there. Tate said, although he wasn't sure about it, he went anyways.

Main Motions:
BOD discussed a motion to remove Shinerama from next year's activities and replace it with an alternative fundraiser.

Choy said the problem with Shinerama is it is not well advertised.

Piddington said they could run Shinerama tomorrow with all the gear stored up from previous years and the AMS would have trouble getting rid of it all if Shinerama was cancelled. He added if any club wants to take it over from the AMS they are welcome to it, and that it is a cheap event except for the dances that keep losing money. The Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation gives assistance in the running of it while other charities just claim the money.

Tate said Shinerama is a great way for new students to meet people.

Motion is tabled.

BOD discussed whether an "express" line for coffee should be implemented in the SUB Cafeteria.

Dave O'Donoghue said he has to wait 20 minutes just to get a cup of coffee.

Piddington said the BOD has very little power over SUB operations and the only way they could do anything is through SUB General Manager, Dave Clode. Piddington said the AMS would need a new cash register, a new coffee machine and to hire a new staff member to start an "express" line. He added the long lineups are caused by inadequate space. He suggested one should avoid getting coffee at peak times.

When questioned by Dan Massey, Piddington admitted the University administration pays Clode's salary and he isn't susceptible to change, especially when suggested by politicians. He added Clode can't be fired; somebody tried before and failed.

Motion was reworded to include looking into the overall service in the cafeteria and Felicita's.

Tate said "It's our building; we should be able to run it the way we want."

Choy said the quality of service has gone down because of bad staff morale. He said due to decreased business staff get bored. He added that is not Clode's fault. (Throughout debate, gallery member Darcie Rolph tried without success to get speaking rights from members of the Bod.)

Choy said Clode acts as a buffer for job security and Choy doesn't want politicians to be able to fire staff on whim.

This motion was tabled and put on notice.

Other Business:
Motion to give AIESEC $135 for a membership in the Victoria Chamber of Commerce was again debated after failing last week.

Massey said he doesn't see the VCC as being politically at odds with UVic as students have summer jobs with businesses which belong. He added UVic would have representation in VCC if AIESEC joined and it could make Chamber of Commerce reports to the BOD.

Gallery member Doug Secord said although AIESEC would be representing only themselves in VCC it would make it easier for the AMS to get VCC education defense endorsements.

Choy said many other AMS clubs have memberships in organisations not politically agreeable with the AMS.

Rob Brownie, VP Academic, said the important issue is whether the BOD should give them more funding. AIESEC had one of the highest budgets of an AMS club, about $600. He added there is not a lot of money available in clubs council funds.

Catherine Perrin said UVic is not a business institution but a place of higher learning; she is worried about the push to make universities business oriented.

Motion failed for a second time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.□

Letters
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AMS election *for free*.

I think the one term used in your "opinion" that does describe T.K.O. is "social club." I made a lot of new friendships by being a part of it. In the future please do a little research on your subject first before unleashing your pen.

Thank you,
Christian Hackshaw

Chastised for learning

Editors:

There is this person in one of my classes that is continually asking questions and commenting on what is said in class.

Last week, this person did not understand a concept that had just been introduced in class so expressed his confusion. Immediately the class groaned, and the teacher began to patiently explain it. At this point, the girl who sat beside me turned to face this student and tell him the answer in a cruel voice implying 'how could you be so stupid.' With hearing the groans of some of his classmates and the comment of the girl beside me, the student got up and said "I guess I'll have to learn this somewhere else. They don't seem to want me here."

I always thought that the reason people were at university was to learn, but this show by his classmates was disgraceful.

I have yet to see anyone in this class with a perfect mark on all of the assignments and the midterm, so I don't believe there is anyone who doesn't need to learn. He might be a little obnoxious, but that definitely does not deny him the right to learn.

Part of learning is to ask valid questions when we don't understand. The question he did ask, I was actually concerned about myself although I would never express it, and I know many others in the class did not understand this new concept. It was not right for the other students in the class to totally chastise him for a perfectly valid question meant to further his understanding.

This is the place for which to ask these questions, in a place of teaching, no one should have to go elsewhere.

Jim Wall

Archaics, Go Home

Editors:

As president of the Association of Foreign and Canadian Students, allow me to express my indignation at the slanderous propaganda illicitly posted around campus prior to this week's AMS election.

I was specifically disgusted with the posters which connected Klaus Mulert's name with Nazi symbols and slogans. Not only were they tactless, ignorant, and conceptually wrong, but also they represent the narrow-mindedness of some individuals in this university who archaically and enviously condemn international participation in campus life.

To me, and perhaps to many other foreign students here, this attitude can be traced back to one of intolerant racial discrimination. Klaus Mulert, the German community of Victoria, and the entire international body on campus deserve an apology for this immature behaviour.

A university is a place composed of people with different backgrounds who mutually share their knowledge, experience, and abilities. By directly attacking the integrity of international elements, our campus is threatened to become oblivious of its own objectives.

Sincerely,
Rafael Lozano-Hemmer
President, A.F.C.S.

Graduate Executive Announced

Editors:

The Graduate Students Society wish to announce the election by acclamation of this year's executive and, what may perhaps be of more immediate interest, an End of Term Happy Hour for all Graduate Students in the SUB Upper Lounge.

On the new executive are:
President: Khash Dehghan (Chemistry)
Vice-President: Don Wright (Counselling)
Treasurer: Michael Tanner (Anthropology)
Liaison Officer: Janet Noden (M.P.A.)
Secretary: Scott Gibson (Art History)

The Happy Hour at which free beer will be served (1 per person) will take place Friday, December 5, from 4 p.m. onwards in the SUB Upper Lounge.

Society hours will be posted.

S. Gibson
Secretary

Editor's note: Since this was the last Martlet *of the fall term, we have published all the letters we received by Monday noon. However, letters took up a lot of space this week that could hae held news. In the smaller papers, through the spring, this might not always be possible.*

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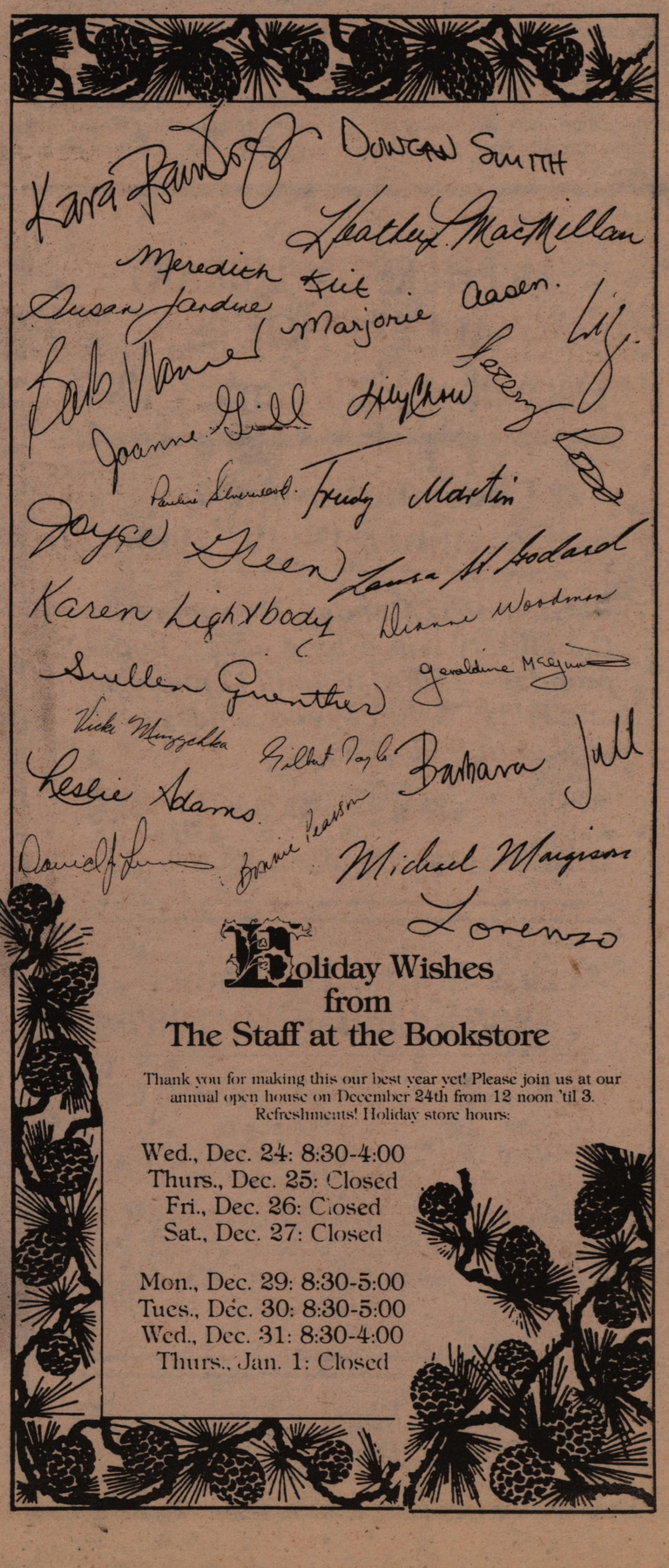

ENTERTAINMENT

Concert ignites University centre

by Tom Fetter

A virtually full house at UVic's University Centre was treated to an exceptional performance of Liszt's Missa Solemnis on Saturday night. The relatively unfamiliar work demonstrated a very different style of music to the bombastic piano crashings usually associated with Liszt. The music is impressive in its thoughtfulness and quiet passages as well as in the forte sections.

The UVic Chorus and Orchestra under the direction of George Corwin, have rarely sounded better. The chorus was particularly good. A wall of sound seemed to swell from them in the grand passages. Their well-rehearsed rhythmic and dynamic security lent a firmness and solidity to the overall texture. Especially in these "big" chorus passages one felt the awesomeness which Liszt's mass tried to invoke. As in virtually any performance, there were minor glitches in intonation and sloppy entries but these were quickly forgotten in the progress of the piece.

The orchestrea was also in fine form, showing a unity and consistency which is remarkable. While one could wish for a few more violins in a work of this scale, the sound and balance was on the whole quite good. Mention should be made of a very tight cello section, with the right warmth and richness for this romantic style. The winds and brass added the right types and amounts of colour, and were very effective in the tutti sections with the chorus. The frequent intonation and dynamic weaknesses which one often hears with these instruments in student performances were simply not evident aside from the one glaring bit of the brass section which badly needed re-tuning before the Sanctus.

By and large the soloists were uniform and consistent. As with all singers of this age group, the female voices were stronger and more polished than the males. This is due to females voices being trained at an earlier age than men's. Pat Steinbring's lyric soprano floated beautifully in the solo and quartet passages, showing sensitivity and control. The solo in the Benedictus admirably suited Gail Suderman's alto, providing a highlight in her consistent work. Tenor Simon Norton showed good control in a difficult tessitura, while baritone Claude Soulodre sang some of the best he has done at the University to date. The fact all four are UVic students is also notable — it is one of the first times in recent years that all four voices could be ably supplied from the UVic student ranks.

Unifying all was Dr. Corwin's firm control and command at the podium. More than anything else, the concert was his, for many performances using professional forces of this size have not meaured up in excitement or large scale unity of conception. That such a work could be brought off at all with a student group is extraordinary; that it was performed with such style and effect is a tribute to Corwin's mastery of the medium. □

Orgasmatron
Motorhead
GWR records

by Dave Stoddart

What do you get when you use three different producers to record a heavy metal album? Answer: a wreckord. Yuck.

This album gives even heavy metal a bad name. The lack of good sound quality suggests they recorded in someone's garages with a ghetto blaster that had made too many trips to the beach. With as much experience as Motorhead has, one would expect they could do better.

Some great prophet once said that if you gave a monkey a typewriter, and an infinite amount of time, it would eventually type the bible. If you gave four monkeys amps, guitars, and drums and locked them in garage, they would perform this entire album by next Tuesday.

Every song is as interesting as watching a faucet drip. Here are the main ingredients: no good solos, no vocal quality and boring drum work.

The only original member of this band is Lemmy (who sounds like he has smoked three packs a day since he was seven). The other members are too new, and too boring. They could use Fast Eddy and the animal again.

The title track offers something the heavy metal listener craves, a throbbing, articulate rock beat, minor key chord progressions (that don't progress too much) and lyrics your mother will hate. What a welcome relief.

It is written by God in the first person who says that he sent Jesus here to teach us how to rape the world and destroy ourselves.

This is more in keeping with the band's reputation as heavy metal monsters. As legend has it, Motorhead is the loudest band ever; — all band members have hearing impairments, and roadies caught wearing earplugs are fired.

Even the most patriotic Motorhead fan is going to be disappointed with this album. The only implication it contains is that Motorhead is another band that doesn't know when it should retire. □

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Vicious Rumours
by the Timex Social Club
A&M Records

by Sam Archer

Just when you thought it was safe to go back on the dance floor, along comes an album showing that disco isn't dead — it's just sleeping.

The title track of *Vicious Rumours*, presented in both a standard and club mix, is the star of this album. Already, this song has been getting a lot of play on the radio and at the clubs because of its danceable rhythm and its clear vocals on the club mix.

The rest of the album is a mix of slow rock tunes and funk/rap songs with a standard disco beat. Several of the slower songs are excellent for hip-grinding on the dance floor.

The most surprising of the tunes on this album is a remake of "Go Away Little Girl." However, even this does not make up for the flat, toneless quality of the lead singer's voice and the incessant thump-thump-thump of a disco beat.

If you buy albums because of one song, spend you money on a 12" single of the title track. Otherwise, save your loot and buy a beer at the SUB. □

Jazz at the Met

by Tom Fetter

"His eye is on the sparrow/And I know he watches me."

Louise Rose's deep sensuous voice floated over the six hundred people of the Metropolitan United Church Saturday Night.

The words of the gospel song were strangely appropriate for the occasion. Or perhaps not so *strangely* appropriate. The noted Victoria based jazz singer/pianist has after all studied at the Harvard Divinity School.

The benefit was staged by the Metropolitan Church's Fine Arts Council for 'The Open Door", an organization working to help the poor in Victoria's inner city. "The Open Door" recently started working out of Metropolitan's building, and Louise consented to do an "event" ("or whatever these things are" says Louise) on behalf of the new agency.

In control of the situation from start to finish, Louise proceeded to give a musical summary of her thoughts over the past year, working through the months with the appropriate tunes, both sacred and secular. "My Funny Valentine" showed up in February, "Grandma's Feather Bed" in May, "Summertime" in August, and too many others to list.

With the audience alternately dazzled by her sheer harmonic ingenuity, her fluid musicality, and her infectious good humour (after one loud communal laugh she looked around the Church sanctuary and said "You're going to go home tonight and realize what you did!") the concert was a success. The only problem was the incredible lack of comfort provided by a wooden church pew for a two hour sit — but that's pretty insignificant.

A particular highlight was the medley of Christmas carols in striking harmonies used to end the program. These worked beautifully one into the next, and reminders of the previous songs of the evening were inserted to draw it all together. Somehow "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" got a little of "Take me out to the Ballgame" in it — and it was great!

The idea worked well, as everybody there enjoyed the evening, including Louise herself. About $1,300 was raised for Open Door which will help get that new cause off to a good start. And Louise is threatening to make this a regular affair:

"I kind of like the idea of being an annual event!" she said. □

Springsteen's "glory days" are here to stay

by Fiona Black

Every major rock act has released a live album: Paul McCartney's *Wings Over America*; The Stone's *Love You Live*; *Frampton Comes Alive*; as well as The Who's *Live at Leeds*. And now Bruce Springsteen, rock's most celebrated live act, has finally decided to jump on the bandwagon as well.

His timely Christmas release of a live five-album extravaganza is just the shot in the arm that the record industry needed. In an age of music mediocrity, this long-awaited album has already topped the million mark in preorders. No one even questions the $40 price tag. The hype and hysteria generated by this album harkens back to the Beatle era when rock'n' roll was a social phenomenon. People are actually lining up at record stores which can't seem to get their hands on enough copies.

But for those fortunate enough to have heard the album, it was certainly worth the wait. Being one of rock's most versatile artists, the 'Boss" has something to offer everyone.

He begins with a soothing acoustic rendition of "Thunder Road" which sets the mood for a highly emotionally-charged album.

From there, he sets our feet a-tapping to a number of jaunty tunes from his early works — "Greetings From Ashbury Park" and "The Wild, the Innocent," and "The E Street Shuffle." Of particular note from this set is his bluesy "Spirit in the Night" which Manfred Mann first made famous.

Being the most bootlegged of all rock acts, Springsteen has finally decided to untap some of his wealth of unreleased songs to the public: "Fire" of Pointer Sister fame, two new ones "Seeds" and "Paradise by the 'C'," and "Because the Night" which according to Dave Marsh's biography, *Born To Run*, Patti Smith was reputed to have smuggled from Springsteen's studio.

By the seventh song, "Growin' Up," we finally get to hear Springsteen make one of his famous speeches. Taking a self-defamatory stance, he quips "There were two things that were unpopular in my house — me and my guitar."

To keep spirits high, Springsteen breaks out a six-pack song set from the party album *The River*. You can hear the audience already singing "Hungry Heart" before Bruce has even started. Throw in "Cadillac Ranch" and "You Can Look But You Better Not Touch," and Springsteen has a sure formula to bring any house down.

But this artist proves that he has substance as well. Springsteen emerges from the frivolity of *The River* with a more contemplative, serious set from his 1978 *Darkness on the Edge of Town* release. Here, Springsteen has the adult voice of experience. In "Candy's Room," his vocals threaten to crack with emotion giving this cut a bit more authenticity than the *Darkness* version.

Springsteen then brightens the mood with a nostalgic piece — "This Land is Your Land." Springsteen himself best describes the old Woody Guthrie classic as "one of the most beautiful songs ever written."

We then once again move into some of Springsteen's deeper material off his *Nebraska* LP. In these songs, he addresses a segment of society that we generally like to lock up and forget about. Springsteen though, tries to understand even the criminal mind.

Towards the end of this record collection, Springsteen treats us to almost all the cuts off his last LP *Born in the USA* release in 1984. This album, written at the same time as *The River* in 1980, is an extension of that feel-good spirit.

The party continues with "Darlington County," a playful ditty, and "Working on the Highway," a breathlessly fast-paced number, then onward to "The Promised Land."

Next, is the all-time favourite, "Born to Run." When he was on tour in 1980, Springsteen was so nervous that he forgot the lyrics of this song. However, his fans bailed him out by singing it to him. He's never forgotten the words since.

Springsteen winds down the album with a slower, acoustic version of "No Surrender" and then closes with a mellow rendition of Tom Wait's "Jersey Girl."

Even after five albums, you still want an encore.□

Parachute Club rising up

by Shawn Coates

"Small victories are big steps, you know it." These lyrics are from "Small Victories," the title song from the latest Parachute Club album. Their concert last Tuesday night at the Royal Theatre was a big step in the right direction.

The sell-out crowd of 1455 saw a highly enjoyable one-and-a-half hour set of upbeat music complemented with lyrics that express community awareness.

The set opened with "Tearing the Veil," one of seven songs from the new album. By the time of the night's third song "Dancing at the Feet of the Moon," members of the audience were dancing in their seats and in the aisles. Despite attempts by theatre ushers to restrain these activities, the majority of the crowd was moving around by the show's end.

The concert enabled the Parachute Club the chance to display their fine instrumental abilities. Songs like "Love and Compassion" and "Cheat the Prophecy" showed off the highly rhythmic style of the group.

In addition to the quality instrumentation, the songs featured the unique vocals of Lorraine Segat. Her singing in itself gives the band another form of expression. The highlight of the evening was "Rise Up," the group's Juno-award winning single. Its addictive sound brought the show to a peak few other bands can achieve.

This show, the next-to-last on the Canadian tour, served as preparation for a tour of Germany which begins in February. If future performances earn the small victories made here Tuesday night, The Parachute Club will have the opportunity to please fans anywhere.□

Tried and true pop still working for the piano man

by Fiona Black

Billy Joel has made commercial pop an art. This small, pug-faced performer who looks like he belongs in a boxing arena, can throw all the right punches in the rock business. After almost four years, he returned to Vancouver last Friday night to give a two-hour, knock-out show to a sold-out crowd at the Pacific Coliseum.

The 37-year-old artist knows how to get the audience's attention. Standing center stage, he opened the concert with his lastest hit single "Matter Of Trust" off his new LP *The Bridge*.

Then, taking his more customary position at the piano, Joel played some of his earlier, more substantial work which was less geared for the air waves — "Pressure" and his first hit "Piano Man." The elaborate "Scenes From An Italian Restaurant" had Joel doing piano acrobatics. Also featured were the soothing "Vienna" and the powerful "Allentown."

He got the crowd even more frenzied during the second half of his program when he started to churn out his faster-paced chart-topping hits. Nobody could sit down to "Only the Good Die Young" or "You're Only Human." During the equally popular "You May Be Right," Joel proved that he "may be crazy" as he shinnied up and down the stage cable wires like Tarzan.

Keeping this energy full-tilt, Joel finished the concert with more of his commercial smashes.

For the last number, "Big Shot," Joel hammed it up and sang most of it perched on top of his piano.

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CHICKEN SOUP DAY at the Women's Centre. Want to talk over any problems? Real chicken soup and caring women. 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. in SUB 106.

Music

THURSDAY FREE NOON CONCERT at the McPherson. This week is the Island Fanfare Brass. 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Playhouse, 3 Centennial Square. 383-6400.

Friday, December 5

Happenings

"EL SALVADOR TODAY", a talk and slideshow by Omar Ramirez, the international representative of the Local Community Governments of El Salvador. 12:30 in the Cinecenta. Everyone welcome. Sponsored by Salvaide and the AMS.

PAC RIM TOURNEY. See Vikes basketball action. 6:30 and 8:15 p.m. in the McKinnon.

WOMEN'S CENTRE. Women's Studies student discussion. 1:30 - 3 p.m. in SUB 106.

Music

CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES II. This concluding performance in the UVic School of Music fall concert schedule takes place at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Music Building. Tickets, at $4 for adults and $2 for students, senior citizens, and the disabled, can be purchased weekdays from the School of Music (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.), and the University Centre Box Office (12:30 - 1:30 p.m.). Info: 721-7903.

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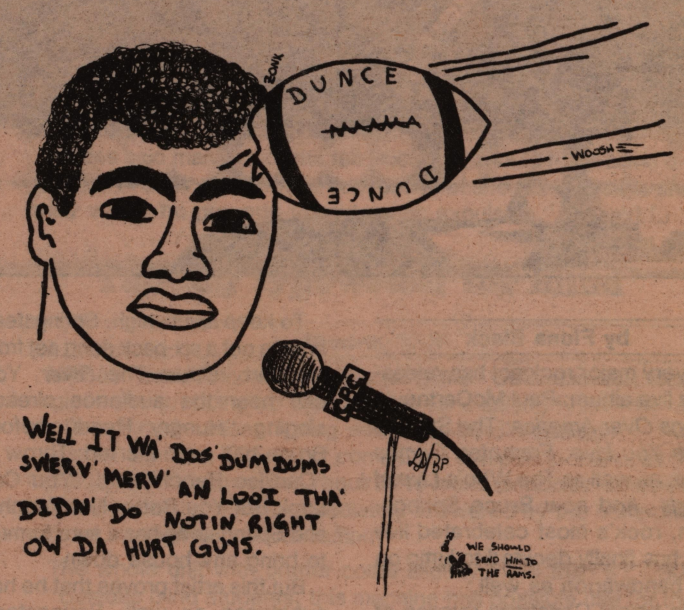
Sunday, December 7

Art

BILL WEST: RETROSPECTIVE. A display of his work of the last forty years opens at the Maltwood Gallery in the University Centre. Info: 721-8298.



Saturday, December 6

Happenings

FIRST-TERM EXAMS BEGIN.

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PAC RIM TOURNEY. See Vikes basketball action. 6:30 and 8:15 p.m. at the McKinnon.

Music

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Monday, December 8

Happenings

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Tuesday, December 9

Happenings

WOMEN'S CENTRE Action Groups meet, 12:30 - 1:30 in SUB 106.

Wednesday, December 10

Happenings

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Thursday, December 11

Happenings

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Happenings

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Music

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Wednesday, December 17

Music

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Thursday, December 18

Music

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Saturday, December 20

FIRST TERM EXAMS END.

Sunday, December 21

Happenings

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Happenings

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Saturday, January 3

Happenings

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Monday, January 5

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Tuesday, January 6

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JIVE AND BALLROOM DANCE meets Tuesdays 6 - 7 p.m. in McKinnon Dance Studio and Wednesdays 8 - 10 p.m. in the SUB Upper Lounge.

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KENDO CLUB meets Friday 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. and Sundays 4 to 6 p.m. in the Dance Studio at the McKinnon Building. For info call Ted Davis 474-6192 or Emmet Flood 384-3674.

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Clubs Calendar submissions must be in by Monday noon previous to publication date. All submissions must be typed, preferably in a "bare-bones" format.

Club Profile

Theta Kappa Omega

by Joanne Johnston

Theta Kappa Omega, the University of Victoria's first dynamic sorority-fraternity combination, obtained official club status in the fall of this year. It holds a strong membership of 36 male and female members with diversified background and faculty representation.

Having no affiliation with other international fraternal organizations, TKO takes pride in the uniqueness of its club. Built from motivations of its members, it strives for academic achievement, campus spirit, community involvement, and personal achievement. Friendship and support stand behind each of its members.

This semester the current memberhsip of Theta Kappa Omega have worked extremely hard in the establishment of its organization, both off and on campus. They have reached the community in a number of ways: volunteering at Queen Alexander Children's Hospital, helping out at the Victoria Animal Hospital, and working as street clean-up crews in the Victoria area.

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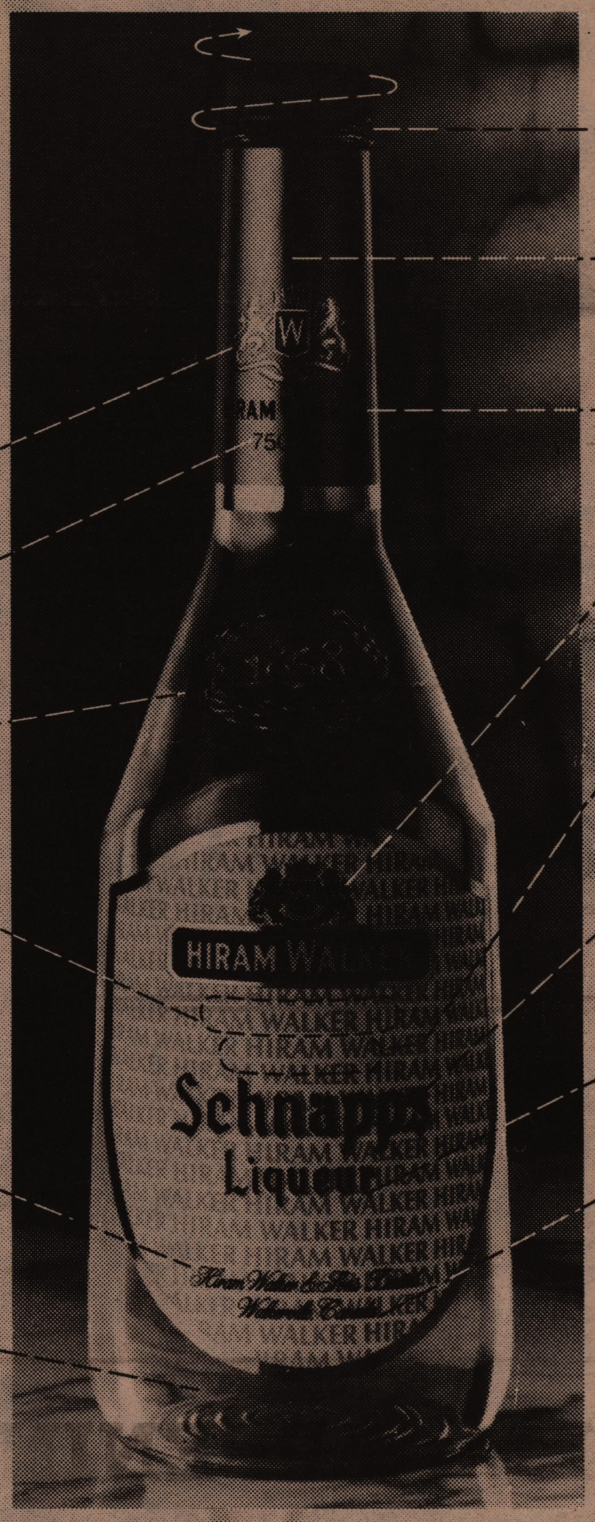

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B.C. PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP WINTER 1986

Election lobby reaches province-wide

Women for economic survival took to the streets and shopping malls to spread their urgent election message: Economic Equality for Women.

1986 has been a good year for B.C.'s Social Credit government. They kicked off the summer with the province's biggest ever bash, and Expo 86 carried the often criticized government to its greatest election sweep on October 22.

Election '86 has been called a campaign like no other B.C. has ever seen.

It will be remembered as the year when style won over substance; when the premier refused to debate, and when chaos ruled the enumeration process, resulting in one cabinet minister losing his seat after being declared a winner on election night.

But for thousands of B.C. women, '86 will be remembered as the year they got it together and presented a co-ordinated provincial lobby effort.

Early on, there was the Smithers woman who questioned Premier Bill Vander Zalm on social, native and environmental issues, and was told to vote NDP if she was interested in those issues.

Although it had little bearing on the final results, that response came back to haunt Vander Zalm for the remainder of the election as NDP supporters flaunted placards emblazoned with the words.

Committed to changing the status quo, Vancouver and Victoria women organized within two distinct groups: the Women's Economic Agenda (WEA), initiated at PIRG's SFU local, and Women for Economic Survival (WES), respectively. These volunteer, grassroots groups produced election brochures packed full of facts on social, poverty and education issues of particular interest to women. Supporters distributed the brochures throughout the province in an effort to promote women's, children's and poverty issues.

A province-wide televised leaders debate, again initiated and coordinated by WEA, was to be the crowning glory of the women's lobby effort.

But it was not to be: for the premier refused to debate.

Many women's groups and centres throughout the province managed a forum in their own communities, but this was often difficult as some Social Credit candidates, obeying a gagging order from the top, refused to enter the debating ring with their opponents. Vancouver women quickly reorganized the proposed TV debate with two mini-forums featuring Liberal leader Art Lee and Bob Skelly, New Democratic Party leader.

But once the ballots were counted (revealing the early predicted Social Credit landslide) the overall concensus among B.C. feminists was one of significant disappointment and frustration.

"Once again there's no where to go but up," said one disgruntled woman, exhausted after the intense 28-day election race.

For women fighting for change in British Columbia, Social Credit has historically meant opposition to their ideas, and delivery of bad news. The Socreds abolished the Status of Women office in 1976, one year after its establishment by the former NDP government. Cuts in social and education spending during restraint had devastating effects on women and their children, especially families headed by single women.

And now in 1986, B.C. remains the only Canadian province without an Advisory Council on the Status of Women, and women face a premier who thinks a few women in the cabinet will "dress up the chamber and add to the decor."

And although the overall election picture was not what many women had hoped for, the number of women in the B.C. house has increased to nine from six: with five women members for the NDP (up from their previous four), and four for Social Credit (doubling their number from last sitting).

While Social Credit may look at the election of four of their six women candidates as a victory, NDP women's organizer Vicki Robinson admitted she is disappointed that only five of her party's 21 women candidates will take seats in the house.

"I would have liked to see more women elected because we had very strong women candidates who would have made a wonderful contribution in Victoria," Robinson said.

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Media election coverage: Bias or Balance?

by Jean Kavanagh

"It's a coronation not an election," cynics cried throughout last month's landslide Social Credit election victory.

And the target of these critics' anger was not the political parties themselves, not public apathy, but the media.

Reporters who covered the actual day to day events fell victim to these charges as did B.C.'s media corporations. The cries of foul came largely from the left, as New Democratic Party supporters blamed media coverage (and in some cases lack of it) for their party's poor showing in the polls.

Political polling also became a bone of contention when the media played the party game. BCTV conducted commissioned polls and led the way in election news as others scrambled to report their findings. BCTV's coverage, in particular, raised the NDP ire and campaign organizer Gerry Scott at one point threatened to report the situation to the Canadian Radio-Television Commission.

A University of Victoria rally for NDP leader Bob Skelly, in the campaign's second week, set the stage for the turning tide against the media, when a woman calling for fair coverage received a louder ovation than Skelly himself, who was facing a partisan crowd.

"All we ask is that you do your job and let us trust you again," the woman requested to thunderous applause.

But was the criticism valid? Was coverage really any different than in past elections?

The media reaction is mixed.

Mimi Robertson of Newsradio stated unequivocally "yes, it was different this time."

"There was a definite move on BCTV to make Bob Skelly look like a blundering fool," she says: accusations which BCTV reporters deny.

Robertson, like all reporters interviewed, said Skelly's nervousness (which surfaced on day one of the campaign) should have been reported. But she noted, "they should have also covered what he said and they didn't. You never saw his dynamic side on TV."

Skelly continually shined at public meetings says Robertson, while Vander Zalm often fell flat at such encounters, especially at the tour's end. "But that wasn't shown," she added.

The responsibility for this coverage falls "not on individual reporters, it was a decision of media management," Robertson believes. The decision to put seven reporters on Skelly's bus compared to the 20-odd covering Vander Zalm likewise came from the top, she said.

Some people were no doubt influenced by the election coverage Robertson feels, "but Vander Zalm would have won anyway because of the extra seats," she concluded.

"We tried to pin Vander Zalm down on issues, but it was like trying to pin jelly to the wall — you just can't do it.

BCTV reporter Clem Chapple, who received the bulk of the bias criticism, says rumours of orders from the top are "ab-

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Against Sexual Harassment

Harassment-assault distressing SFU problem

by Margaret Coates

Disturbing results are clearly indicated in a soon to be released B.C. PIRG study on sexual harassment and sexual assault at Simon Fraser University.

The study reveals that of the 444 survey respondents, 203 (46 per cent) reported they experienced at least one incident of sexual harassment or assault in the educational setting. The study further shows that 22 per cent, or one in five respondents, limits her activities for fear of sexual harassment or assault, or because of a past experience with either.

PIRG has been working on the problem of sexual harassment and assault in conjunction with the SFU Ad Hoc Committee over the last two years. PIRG produced the data necessary to alert the administration to the seriousness of the problem. To achieve this, PIRG conducted a survey during the past year by circulating questionnaires to female undergrads and graduate students. The questionnaire sought data concerning the general characteristics of the respondent's experience: that being, the number, type and location of harassment or assault, the services available to those harassed or assaulted, and the precautions women take because of fear or experience of attack.

Results show the typical respondent to be a full-time arts undergraduate between the age of 17 and 25, and on campus 20 to 40 hours per week. Sexual harassment mainly occurred in the educational setting and consisted primarily of discriminatory remarks or inappropriate leering or staring. However, a significant proportion of the women surveyed also experienced unwanted sexual advances. Four per cent of respondents experienced some form of sexual assault which included: threatening situations, abduction, attempted sexual assault, rape or physical injury due to refusing sexual contact.

It is clear from the many comments provided that sexual harassment and assault seriously affect women students. The reported consequences include: a decrease in grades, interference in graduate study progress, and restriction of activities or movement which can affect a woman's education and therefore, impede her chances of future success.

Other less tangible, but nevertheless significant, consequences of harassment include, the continuance of power relationships and imbalances perpetrated by such relationships. One respondent voiced this concern:

This kind of situation seems relatively common among female grad students. In general, it seems that the more sexually provocative (or available) female grad students receive more benefits, support or 'perks' from some faculty, putting pressure on all female grad students to be somewhat sexual in their dealings with faculty. This is a form of harassment, which may not meet the traditional definitions of harassment, but which exerts a powerful influence on grads' behaviour and self-perception.

The survey also revealed that professors perpetrated 50 percent of all such incidents towards female graduate students surveyed at SFU.

The results of this PIRG study clearly indicate that sexual harassment and assault are a problem for female students attending Simon Fraser University. The study strongly recommends that a full-time coordinator be hired to deal with this distressing situation. The officer should have the responsibility to do both preventative and correctional work as correction of the problem requires strong measures. The coordinators of the study believe hiring a harassment officer is a major step in the right direction.

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Research action

B.C. PIRG's student employment survey, conducted at UVic by Lorna Farmer and Ed Guenter, translated into two pieces of effective lobbying this term.

When Premier Bill Vander Zalm suggested reviewing the minimum wage (noting the possibility of abandoning the wage in some sectors) we invited him to meet with us to hear the concerns reported in our study. Instead, the premier's office requested a copy of the study and apologies for not meeting with us during the election.

Of the 88 per cent of students who found work in the summer of 1985, 18.5 per cent worked at or below the minimum wage while another 49 per cent earned slightly more. Not surprisingly, none of the respondents could earn enough to finance their education. This information was distributed to the media, and we look forward to a frank and fruitful meeting with the Premier once he has studied the report.

PIRG also revised the employment study to highlight the urgent need for increased financial aid — grants and loans — and presented this to the CFS hearings in October. Campus Coordinator Boyd Pyper assembled the information to focus on particular areas of concern for students, which included: low wages, short duration of summer jobs, unpaid overtime, scarce work opportunities, gender differences, dangerous working conditions and harassment by employers. Boyd contributed personal experience of potential summer savings and the realistic cost of education to show there is a very clear need for increased student aid.

A copy of this brief has been forwarded to Premier Vander Zalm.

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The results she believes "were not gender related." Robinson says the NDP will continue to work towards gender parity of candidates and to highlight women's issues in election campaigns.

But for many women this goal is not enough.

Cindy Shore of WEA explains, "we have to approach things from a number of different levels.

"It's not good enough for just any woman to run. We need feminists and women who understand a feminist perspective. Having women candidates is part of it, but getting the issues dealt with whether it's by a woman or man is also important."

Shore believes that in order for women's issues to become part of the political system, grassroots organizations must be vocal and push for their inclusion.

The long-term goal of groups like WEA and WES is a "broad-based movement where the grassroots pushes women's issues so that politicans can't ignore them," says Shore.

The short-term goal is still to get more women elected, she agrees.

This election was "very disappointing for women, it could be disasterous in terms of women's issues like choice on abortion," she believes.

"We'll wait and see, but I've no belief it will get better," says Shore, noting that Vander Zalm's numerous sexist comments "really reveal where he's at. Hopefully the government won't reflect that."

A Victoria woman who spoke to all Victoria candidates about poverty issues during the campaign also found a grave lack of awareness of these issues by most candidates.

Gaye Sharp asked candidates to estimate the minimum living allowance for a family of four in Greater Victoria. She discovered that Social Credit and Liberal candidates didn't realize just how little money people receive on welfare. And when she queried how they would survive and adequately feed their children on B.C.'s welfare rate, most candidates said long-term solutions are the answer to these questions.

"But, it's not enough to say we need a long-term solution, there is a crisis now," Sharp impresses. "These people don't know the emotional problems of living in social housing, there's no awareness of what's involved."

The most negative comments, says Sharp, came from Social Credit candidate Dr. Paul Yewchuck who told her that parents are mortgaging their children's future by drawing social assistance now. Sharp reported that "children won't have a future if they can't eat now."

Although she was disappointed with the election results in terms of achieving the goals of the women's lobby, Sharp feels people must continue to raise these issues in future elections.

"We must raise poverty issues because people are suffering. It is very frustrating for me to think that people elect a government that hasn't said what it will do.

"People are looking for a fix-it government. They went for a dream instead of looking at questions seriously,"

In the final weekend of the campaign, Victoria women gave Premier Vander Zalm his most hostile reception of the race. The women gathered at a local mall, lined the route and bombarded the premier with questions on poverty, education and abortion. At the end of this appearance the premier was visibly ruffled and angrily pushed his way from the mall.

Protest organizer Josephine Payne-O'Connor noted, "the premier consistently refused to debate issues and take serious problems seriously. We forced him to confront the issues and speak to them."

The women of WEA and WES have gained strength, knowledge and much experience from entering the political fray. WEA members followed their election activities with a workshop at the November conference in Vancouver "Women and the Economy: Building our own Agenda." Victoria women participated in the post-election "Women and Work" conference in order to extend and share their political knowledge.

Both groups continue to plan activities for their next lobbying efforts. Information is available at both PIRG locals.

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Happening at SFU . . .

No matter what your area of interest, PIRG is likely to have alternative information and reference material to supplement standard library and textbook fare.

PIRG especially advocates bringing students together with people directly involved in the issues.

Recent issues at the SFU local range from the effects of CNR Twin Tracking on Native land rights, to organizing a women's election lobby and researching the impact of herbicides sprayed in our area.

When sociology student Ivor Mabberley wanted to coordinate a seminar on CNR Twin Tracking and Native Land Rights, PIRG offered financial and organizational assistance. SFU executive director Dorrie Nagler has been actively expanding PIRG's community profile by participating in workshops, panel discussions and radio public affairs shows. In addition, PIRG's pamphlets and briefs are widely available throughout the community.

PIRGERS Bryce Bancroft, Christine Forrest and Sheri Fetterly continue their research into toxics and pesticides; while Anne Burger and Margaret Coates finalize research for the SFU sexual harassment and sexual assault study.

SFU PIRG obtained quorum on our referendum to raise student membership fees to $2.50 per semester (a $1 yearly increase); however, we then lost the referendum by 83 votes. The student board will soon decide whether to bring the question before students again during the spring elections.

The SFU local is fortunate to have directors who represent a number of faculties including: business administration, psychology, geography, sociology and communications. We welcome Manuela Petersen, Chad Staddon, Craig Valentine, Eric Thorgeirson, Wayne MacEachern and Alan Young, who replaces Ron McGivern.

Dorrie Nagler

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Megadream at UVic

The acclaimed NFB film *Megadream* was shown at the UVic local in September. Interestingly enough, the NFB has withdrawn this film from circulation pending improvements to the sound track. But, it's searing expose of the N.E. coal fiasco would have made excellent viewing during the election campaign.

Ongoing PIRG projects at UVic include: the Recycling and Composting study which has drawn community-wide interest. Saanich alderman Hal Knight has brought much experience and expertise to this initiative.

PIRG's anti-poverty goals will focus on activities around community economic development and small business opportunities. In addition, budget planning for students, "How to Survive until May," will also be featured in the spring session.

Drop by the PIRG office for information and updates on our continuing work.

PIRG aids education lobby

As election rumours gathered steam this summer, UVic PIRGER Jennifer Moore took up the challenge of developing a handy brochure for students to raise post-secondary issues at all-candidates meetings.

With cooperation from Drs. Bill Pfaffenberger and Eric Sager of the Alliance to Defend Education, Nells Granewall of Financial Aid, and the counselling and health offices, Jennifer designed the *Make Education an Election Issue* pamphlet — 2,000 of which were circulated on the UVic campus.

Together with ADE's newspaper *The University: What it means to you*, the B.C. PIRG brochure reached all MLAs, three of whom responded: Cliff Michael, Bob Skelly and Grace McCarthy. The Alliance and PIRG are continuing with this long-term lobbying effort.

Taking the issue to the streets, PIRGERS Mike Geoghegan, Lise Kornellson, Catherine Perrin, Boyd Pyper and Ron Dickson joined the Alliance at major Victoria intersections urging motorists to "honk" (and vote) for education.

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solutely a fabricated idea."

"There were never any orders from the desk to destroy him (Skelly)," says Chapple.

The target of a multitude of personal slurs during six provincial election campaigns, Chapple says it's old hat for politicians to criticize the media. This past election was one of the most pleasant campaigns for Chapple who says he received criticism largely from within the party hierarchies, and not from individual voters.

"You expect the criticism," he rationalises, "Social Credit in the past had made extensive attempts to discredit BCTV. This has been going on for years."

His explanation for the extensive criticism of television coverage is quite simple: "on TV there's not such a clear line between the editorial page and reporting."

In terms of the extensive political coverage of both the Social Credit leadership race and the election, Chapple says "B.C. has caught up with what happens in the States and nationally."

"It is somewhat spectator theatre and the politicians love it. There's a tendency of people with an academic view to think that politics should exist as a pristine process, that's not the case. TV shows these are real people," he says.

In response to comments that his coverage of Skelly was tougher than that of Vander Zalm, Chapple says point blank, "Skelly was stumbling and we thought that was significant."

"What we didn't know about Skelly up to the election was that he has these attacks which seem to be a debilitating condition. It was an important thing."

Skelly's visible nervousness was "new information" Chapple,and others, say. And to compare that with Vander Zalm's past record (which many critics say was ignored) "was not a valid comparison," he believes.

Victoria Times-Colonist legislative reporter Les Leyne agrees that Vander Zalm's past record is "old news."

"Maybe we do have an obligation to cover it, but there's more pressing news during an election," says Leyne.

Leyne and Chapple agree there were two recurring issues throughout the election:

— the question of Skelly's style and the slow pace of his campaign compared to Vander Zalm's, and

— Vander Zalm's lack of specifics on issues and policy.

"He (Vander Zalm) was pressed over and over on policies, he just didn't answer the questions," Leyne says.

Chapple noted "to say he got an easier ride than Skelly is crazy."

"The persistent pointing out that Vander Zalm was not being specific made things hot for Vander Zalm. That reality came back to a lot of voters, otherwise we would have seen only five or six New Democrats elected based on the early polls.

Responding to the question of whether the media should be in the polling business, Chapple answered, "we release all our information, unlike the parties."

"Parties use polls in manipulative, secretive ways and they don't like it when someone beats them at their own game."

CBC legislative reporter Wayne Williams says "elections are not won or lost on TV." He agrees, however, that television does play an important role as many people get their only information from television, and the campaigns are also geared to television.

Williams noted that CBC received hundreds of calls from both irate Socreds and New Democrats screaming "bias."

"You worry are you really being fair, but I put it down to high political emotions on both sides."

When someone is seeking the premier's chair, Williams says it would be negligent not to examine them closely. "But some are criticized for being harder than others (in this campaign)."

"CBC did examine the issues and lack of substance in Vander Zalm's campaign, but one certain news outlet wasn't as balanced," he believes.

The coverage of Skelly in this case "was very aggressive and passive with Vander Zalm," Williams added.

In the end, Williams says Skelly did get his policies out. "But the party has to look at its policy," he concludes.

The NDP may well need some policy analysis, but Vancouver Sun legislative reporter Gary Mason says "if I was an NDP supporter I'd be angry over the coverage."

"The NDP probably has some grounds for legitimate complaints," Mason says specifically of television coverage.

The particular problem "is the way the medium is set up," he explains. "You only have on average 1½ minutes to do a story, and what the viewer sees it totally focussed on one thing."

Election campaigns have become 28-day TV campaigns, and that will never be reversed in today's high tech world, Mason believes.

"Most people don't seek out information. People have to go to newspapers for insight and analysis," he says.

"Our job is to expose inadequacies. The day the parties stop complaining is the day the media is not doing a very good job."

Looking back to past elections, Leyne says "the NDP got a rude awakening of what it's like to be subjected to really hard news coverage for a change."

"It's the same as (Bill) Bennett got for years," he remembers.

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UVic PIRG proposes alternate waste management system

by Stephen Baxter

The myriad of contentious social and environmental issues we are constantly faced with often results in mishandling of our garbage and sewage, and, at best, receives only our peripheral attention.

This is somewhat understandable as, every day, we deal with mundane sewage and refuse activities. Therefore, our existing plans to deal with our various wastes go by unnoticed. And given the importance of recycling our discarded products, for the protection of our environment and scarce resources, this situation is, to say the least, alarming.

Since the spring of this year, the Capital Regional District (the agency with jurisdiction for waste management planning) has been actively formulating a 30-year plan to deal with garbage and sewage in the Victoria area. Of the two problems, sewage is the most urgent, and is the present focus of PIRG's Chemical Hazards project.

Sewage in the four core municipalities (Victoria, Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich) is now pumped, untreated, into our surrounding waters via ocean outfalls. According to CRD engineers, and other independent analysts, this does not pose a threat to our ocean and seashore. They argue, in fact, that this is beneficial in that nutrients for sealife are produced. However, they can not guarantee this situation will exist indefinitely. Furthermore, there must be reasons why Washington and Oregon dump *no* untreated sewage into their ocean; and why most European nations (except the U.K., Ireland and Spain) have also reduced their dumping dramatically.

The CRD does acknowledge that the four small outfalls along the east coast of Victoria do not allow proper dispertion of effluent because of insufficient tidal flow. To overcome this problem, officials have decided to construct a pipeline from the Finnerty Cove outfall all the way to Clover Point, where all the effluent will be concentrated off Dallas Road (see diagram). This decision is not well known, and even now the CRD is reluctant to discuss it as a part of its overall waste management strategy.

The CRD is also proposing a long-range 30-year plan to deal with household garbage and industrial waste. In contrast to the decision to create the East Coast Interceptor, the CRD engineering department has established a very impressive and comprehensive public education program to deal with the solid waste issue. They are presently gathering data from different companies and firms for the estimated costs of implementing various solid waste collection and disposal systems.

CRD engineers say they plan to open up the process even more in the spring with a series of open-houses. This is obviously a welcome step in the right direction. However, the engineers propose to present a series of scenarios upon which the public can base their criticism. In other words, many participants believe the agenda will have been established before obtaining public input.

B.C. PIRG understands that CRD staff are experts in the technical aspects of waste management. It is worrisome, however, that alternative uses of our garbage and sewage as resources is given very little priority. For this reason, we have come to focus much of our attention over the past two months on this issue.

Because the existing waste management system is largely taken for granted, our first task was to raise awareness in the community. This was achieved through leafletting, public information tables in the UniCentre and a public meeting co-sponsored by the Environmental Studies Students Association and the Saanich Greenbelt Association. The meeting was well attended by community group representatives who all expressed some concern over CRD policies, especially those regarding sewage disposal.

So far, our attempts to increase awareness of this issue have centered on the UVic campus. We now feel community networking is necessary, and hope to bring interested community groups into an umbrella organization which will lobby the CRD, and other government agencies, and therefore, speak to the issue with one voice. It is crucial to build strong community alliances to address these serious concerns.

B.C. PIRG will continue to carry out its traditional role of gathering detailed information on alternatives in operation worldwide. Most exciting as a possible alternative is a composting plant that could handle both sewage and household garbage, and convert it into a marketable fertilizer. CRD engineers are carrying out similar studies, but PIRG believes it is essential that we maintain our watchdog role on an issue of such public concern.

Having studied this situation, we feel the CRD's present policy regarding sewage and garbage is shortsighted. It is essential that those with jurisdiction over this issue look beyond 'crisis management' and implement an effective, long-term solution. For example, a composting facility would reduce the amount of waste going to our sewage outfalls and 'sanitary landfills', and also create long-term jobs.

B.C. PIRG can facilitate a logical, workable solution by aiding concerned community groups to organize, and also by assisting with the detailed research needed to speak to the engineers in their own terms.

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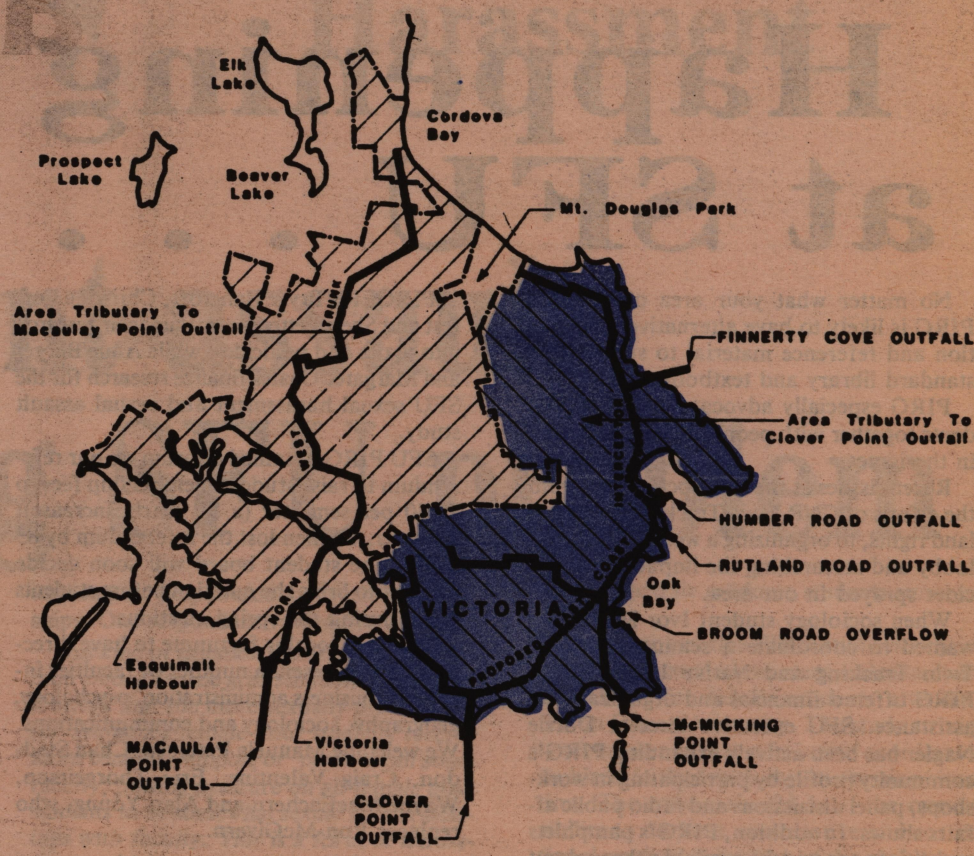

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Research reports completed in 1986 at UVic include:

— A User's Guide to Aquaculture on Vancouver Island (by Heather Crampton et al., Environmental Studies).
— The Erosion of Global Genetic Resources: a threat to sustainable agriculture (by Bill Swan, Geography).
— The Birthparent Survey: The Impact of Adoption on the Relinquishing Mother (by Diane Johnson, Psychology).
— Student Summer Employment Survey (by Lorna Farmer, Linguistics and Ed Guenther, Sociology).
— Bicycle Safety Study (by BC PIRG staff and students, and Warren Baker, Sociology).

Adoption reform moves ahead

When the Ministry of Social Services and Housing announced its review of adoption legislation this fall, PIRGER Diane Johnson, author of the province-wide study *The Impact of Adoption on the Relinquishing Mother*, responded immediately.

The ministry requested input from groups and individuals on the sharing of information between adult adoptees and birthparents, and offered two alternatives to the present highly restrictive regulations:

1. A passive adoption disclosure registry which would release information only when both adoptees and birthparents request it, and;

2. an active adoption disclosure registry which would initiate action on behalf of adult adoptees to locate the birthmother and determine if she would be interested in a reunion. Again information would be shared only if both parties agreed.

Diane's study indicates that an exchange of information between adoptees and birthparents may go a long way towards alleviating some of the heartbreak many birthmothers experience. Diane, herself a birthmother, favors open adoption and an active adoption disclosure registry. In support of these goals she has sent her report to the ministry, and written to all study participants urging them to call for legislative reform.

The report, available at the UVic PIRG office, is key reading for anyone involved in this important issue.

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